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The award-winning Chatham Safer Neighbourhood Team on their Homerton patch

LONDON'S FINEST

By

Lara Gorman



A HACKNEY police team has been judged the best in London for working with local people to tackle crime.

The Chatham Ward bobbies scooped the Met's prestigious Safer Neighbourhoods Team of the Year award, beating more than 600 others from across the capital.

They were praised for their efforts to engage the community in Homerton, particularly young people. They were also

singled out for tackling anti-social behaviour and responding to residents' policing priorities.

Police Sergeant Homre Varley, who leads the team, said:

"Whether it's dealing with street drinkers, closing down crack houses, or organising activities for young people over the summer holidays, I see our key role as engaging with our community and dealing with the issues that matter most to them."

"The team has

worked incredibly hard over the past year and expects to go from strength to strength in our new base outside Homerton hospital."

Each of Hackney's nineteen wards has their own Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), dedicated to working with communities to tackle crime. Since the introduction of SNTs in Hackney, crime has fallen rapidly, contributing to a 28 per cent drop in the past three years, the fastest in London.

The Chatham team were judged the best in North London, and beat their rivals south of the river on points, to clinch the capital's top spot. Not only have the Chatham team been recognised by the Met, Hackney youth group The Crib also presented them with an award in September, for 'believing in' the sometimes alienated young people it works with.

Borough Commander Steve Dann said: "The team should be

congratulated for the way they have worked in partnership with residents and other organisations to successfully tackle the issues facing the area and I'm delighted their hard work has been recognised in this way.

"Winning this award is a fantastic achievement, not only for the team, but for Hackney as a whole, which continues to see a reduction in crime levels year on year."

The team will receive the award on 13 December. Its members are: PS Homre Varley, PC Liz Bleach, PC Ferhat Murad, SPC Russell Hartley-Jones, PCSOs Stephen Richards, Alexander Childs, Daniel Scripps and Marios Nihalou.

MORE INFO

To find out more about your Safer Neighbourhood team and report crime online, visit:
www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods



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Young entrepreneur scoops award

A Hackney businesswoman won a prestigious Prince's Trust award for enterprise. Catherine Byshiem, 29, overcame severe dyslexia to set up her own jewellery design company in Broadway Market, with financial advice and business support from the Trust.

She said: "Three years ago, I couldn't even get on a bus – and this year I went to New York on business."

"Having my own company has brought back my confidence and I feel a real sense of achievement."

The Trust's Celebrate Success Awards honour disadvantaged young people who have triumphed against the odds and had a positive impact on their community.

For more info, call: 0800 842 842, or visit: www.princes-trust.org.uk

Why don't you?

A NEW youth club has opened offering a host of activities for 13 to 19-year-olds.

Marcon Court Youth Club provides creative activities such as painting, drawing and games. Young people can also learn new skills by taking accredited courses.

It is a joint initiative between Hackney Youth Service and the local Tenants and Residents Association.

Steve Goodman, Deputy Director, Children & Young People's Services, said: "I am very pleased that young people in this area – and across the borough – have access to another excellent youth club that will offer them stimulation, friendship and opportunities for learning."

The club is held on Tuesdays from 6.30 to 9.30pm, at Aspland and Marcon Court Community Hall, Amhurst Road, E8.

A big thank you

FINALISTS in the Hackney Homes Active Residents Awards have been announced.

Patricia Brown, Veronica Mensah and Evelyn Wood are up for Resident of the Year. 4CETT Youth Forum, Wilton Estate and Haberdasher Estate are vying for Resident Group of the Year. And Heurecat Loufimpou, Sinead Jones and Michelle Quarshie are down to the final three in Young Resident of the Year category.

The awards recognise the work done by individuals to improve the quality of life for people in their area.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 13 December. Watch out for a full report in the next issue of Hackney Today.



Hackney heritage saved

By
Emma Britton



CENTURIES of Hackney heritage will be protected for future generations now the Regent's Canal has been designated a conservation area.

The Council has given its stretch of the canal, and surrounding historic areas, complete conservation status.

The canal, built between 1812 and 1820, became a major transport highway linking Paddington Basin in west London with Limehouse Basin in the east.

Its main features include a towpath for horses, two original sets of locks and a number of bridges (two of which are now listed).

Buildings along the canal such as Eagle Wharf in Hoxton have changed little since Victorian times. While Kingsland Basin (with its recently listed Victorian stable block) is the last surviving basin on the Hackney section of the canal.



The towpath was used by horse-drawn barges as recently as 1950



Eagle Wharf in Hoxton

“**Regent's Canal is an important historic artery and a reminder of our borough's industrial heritage**”

The Regent's Canal Conservation Area runs for almost four kilometres across the south of the borough and joins up with conservation areas in neighbouring Islington and Tower Hamlets.

Fiona Fletcher Smith, the Council's Corporate Director for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, said: "Regent's Canal is an

important historic artery and a reminder of our borough's industrial heritage. This new Conservation Area recognises the distinctive character of the canal and will help to inform the development of policies for future waterside development."

The Council also decided to extend the Clapton Square Conservation Area to include properties in Clarence Mews, Isabella and Mehetabel Roads. This area also includes the oldest surviving building in Hackney – 13th century St Augustine's Tower.

Ms Fletcher Smith added: "Conservation areas are an important part of our borough's heritage, representing a cross section of the best surviving examples of different



Former warehouse in Hoxton

aspects of development from housing, industrial areas, open spaces and town centres."

MORE INFO

Hackney has 26 Conservation Areas. A full list is available at: www.hackney.gov.uk/ep-conservation-areas-511.htm

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What happened next? Results of the investigation into the Olympic blaze

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By Sylvia Arthur

TV presenter Miquita Oliver visited a Hackney school to deliver a series of workshops on self-esteem.

The T4 host came to Stoke Newington School on behalf of the Dove Self-Esteem Fund, which works to inspire young girls to feel better about their bodies.

Oliver, whose mum Andrea lives in Hackney, spoke candidly to a group of 25 Year 9 students about the way the media can manipulate images of celebrities to make them look good.

During the workshops on 27 November, boys and girls, aged 13 and 14, were shown a DVD that revealed how images can be transformed using sophisticated techniques to airbrush wrinkles, reduce waistlines and lengthen legs.

Elly Barnes, Head of Year 9, said the students were extremely responsive and honest about how they felt



Students at Stoke Newington School talk self-esteem with Miquita

T4 star at Stokey school

about themselves following the presentation.

She added: "The kids had no idea about how much technology goes in to achieving the so-called perfect look and they were

quite surprised. It had a positive effect on the boys as well as the girls."

The workshops received glowing feedback from students, one said: "It was something that I really

needed. Now I'll not be so hard on myself. I understand that we are all individuals and we are all unique."

Olympic blaze was accident

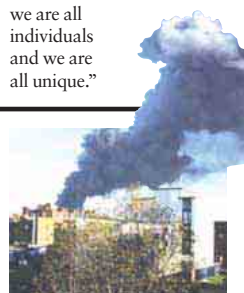
By Emma Britton

A **DRAMATIC** blaze on the Olympic Park site was an accident, an investigation has found.

The fire at a warehouse in Waterden Road, Hackney Wick, broke out when workmen set alight to insulation material with a blow-torch. Flames leapt 50ft and a huge plume of black smoke could be seen

across London on 12 November.

An investigation by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) found polystyrene insulation caught fire as workmen cut steel piping with an oxy-acetylene torch



during demolition work.

The process, known as 'hot-working', has been temporarily suspended on the Olympic site while a review is carried out.

Although the building contained asbestos, none was detected in the air around the building or in dust and debris.

ODA Chief Executive, David Higgins, said: "These findings confirm initial indications that the fire was caused by accident and that public health was not put at risk."

"However this was a serious incident and we are instigating a thorough review of our stringent health and safety procedures as a result."

NEWS IN BRIEF



You're hired – five get big break

IT'S all adding up for five young people on Council accountancy apprenticeships. Nadeem Bang, 21; Amrita Kaur, 19; Mehmet Uzunoglu, 16; Dominic Clarke, 18; and Phong Dang, 19, began their apprenticeships last month. The quintet were chosen from 122 applicants after a rigorous aptitude test and interview process.

They work at the Council four days a week and study at Hackney Community College on the fifth in order to gain a NVQ level 2 in accounts. At work they are learning how the different Council departments' finances work, from parks and community services, to enforcement, housing and planning.

Phong Dang said: "It still hasn't sunk in and I guess I'm still in shock. But this is a great opportunity for myself and all the other apprentices, to pursue a career in the public sector, where we can help the community and the area which we also live in."

The college offers this scheme to young workers across a range of jobs. So if you employ young staff (aged 16-24) your business could also benefit from their training.

Ian Ashman, Hackney Community College Principal, said: "This is a win-win opportunity. The young people get a work-based qualification while earning a wage, and the employer – in this case the Council – gets enthusiastic, motivated and qualified staff."

Making over the Marshes

RESIDENTS and those who use Hackney Marshes regularly have made their voices heard on how they would like to see the area improved.

Proposals for better football pitches and new changing rooms have been welcomed, while more provision for activities such as walking and picnics were suggested.

A fund of £3.5million has already been secured by the Council and London Development Authority (LDA) as a result of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The feedback received over the summer will now be used to try to gain further cash for improvements to the home of grassroots football.



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Ooh, ah, Eurostar!

By
James Willsher



It was a day trip with la difference when a group of lucky Hackney folk took the new Eurostar to Paris.

To celebrate the £800million restoration of St Pancras International station, the Council was given its own Eurostar carriage for the day.

And places on the special trip were awarded to residents connected to three local charities – Age Concern Hackney, St Joseph's Hospice, and City & Hackney Mind – and local carers.

Free tickets to spend an afternoon in France's fabled City of Light were given out to people who work for these worthy organisations, or make use of their services.

The 42 strong group was led by Cllr Faizullah Khan, Speaker of Hackney, who has chosen to raise money for these charities during his year in office.

The party gathered in the new terminal at 10am on 17 November, and the train was soon drawing away from the station and racing at speeds of up to 186mph to France.

The Speaker took the opportunity to go up and down the carriage greeting each passenger personally and giving out badges bearing the borough's coat of arms. Just over two-and-a-half hours later, Hackney's

ambassadors to Paris, were stepping onto a platform at the Gare du Nord.

The Speaker then arranged to take some of the group on an open-top bus tour of the city, while others made their own way across the busy metropolis to visit the Louvre art gallery, Notre Dame cathedral, and Paris's many cafés.



I thought it was fab, bringing together a carriage full of lucky staff and volunteers



Lydia Bloom, from Upper Clapton, is a volunteer for Age Concern Hackney. She said: "It was nice walking about, I went with two people to the Sacré Coeur and Montmartre, and it was good look around."

Despite a nation-wide rail strike, the French capital's underground Metro system was operating a reduced service, and even threw open the barriers to allow free travel for all.

Lyn Vorley, a St Joseph's

Hospice volunteer, said: "I thought it was fab, bringing together a carriage full of lucky staff and volunteers.

An excellent day, thank you Hackney Council."

As the daylight faded, there was just enough time

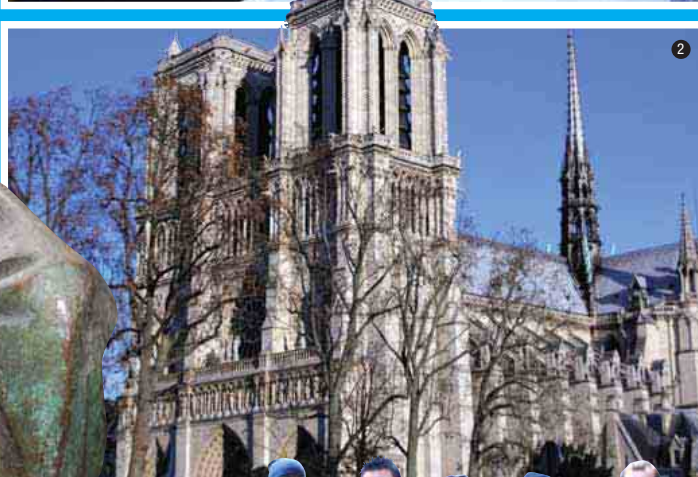
for a quick browse in a supermarché near the station, before heading back home. The Speaker

said: "I feel proud to have taken Hackney to Paris, and to have represented the borough on this trip."



Top, Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Faizullah Khan beneath the nine metre statue 'The Meeting Place'. Above, Even a copy of Hackney Today enjoyed the trip to Paris

1. Platform six at the reopened St Pancras Station
2. Notre Dame Cathedral in the heart of Paris
3. City & Hackney Mind, one of the community groups that enjoyed a day out in France



Sir John Betjeman gazes up at the new roof at St Pancras – he led a successful campaign to save the station hotel from demolition in the 1960s





To mark the reopening, there will be a 'no joining fee' offer on pre-paid memberships

IN THE SWIM

Back in business

By Karyn Michael

CLISSOLD Leisure Centre will finally reopen its doors at 9am on Saturday, 15 December.

The Council was forced to close the state-of-the-art pool for four years because extensive repair work was needed to rectify serious design faults with the building.

Following wide ranging public consultation, the reopened centre features improvements to disability access, the reception area, crèche and a brand new toddler pool.

The main facilities remain: two beautiful 25 metre swimming pools, a health suite, sports hall, gym, squash courts, group exercise studio and café.

Kim Wright, Corporate Director for Community Services, said: "Getting



One of two beautiful pools at the reopened Clissold Leisure Centre

Clissold reopened for residents has been a top priority for the Council and I welcome the completion of this project.

"I encourage residents to come along to see this excellent facility and find

out what's available as I'm sure there will be something to suit everybody."

The centre in Clissold Road closed after 18 months in November 2003 when a number of design faults were exposed.

The Council took legal action and received an out of court settlement fee, which contributed to the repair costs.

To mark the reopening, there will be a 'no joining fee' offer on pre-paid memberships by the centre's new managers, Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) – a not-for-profit organisation, which runs all of Hackney's



I encourage residents to come along to see this excellent facility and find out what's available

leisure facilities and other centres across London.

The redevelopment of Clissold is the latest of several major leisure investment projects, including the refurbishment of Kings Hall Leisure Centre, Britannia Leisure Centre and the restoration of London Fields Lido.

These complement services at West Reservoir Centre in Stoke Newington and Queensbridge Sports and Community Centre.

All six of Hackney's leisure centres are now modern facilities that cater for all Hackney's diverse communities.

MORE INFO

Visit: www.gll.org, or
e-mail: enquiries@gll.org



The new and improved leisure centre will reopen on 15 December

NEWS IN BRIEF

Care services praised

CARE services for adults have been awarded a 'good' rating by Government watchdogs.

The Council-run services were judged good in seven categories by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) and awarded a two out of three star rating.

The Median Road Resource Centre in Lower Clapton came in for particular praise for the vital role it plays in helping residents return home from hospital, instead of entering residential care.

The inspectors also rated Hackney's high levels of intensive home care, enabling older people to live at home, including those with mental health needs.

The way the Council values carers was also singled out, including the launch of a discount card, and training programme.

The verdict was backed by Shoreditch carer Fiona Blades, who said: "With the Carers Discount Card, the Council is being proactive in taking carers into consideration."



Leisure on the up

Hackney's parks, open spaces, leisure centres, libraries and museums have also been given the once over by government inspectors.

These services were judged as 'fair' with 'promising prospects for improvement'.

The report, published this week, praised specific projects such as the successful Discover Young Hackney festival for young people, the restoration of London Fields Lido, and work of Hackney Museum.

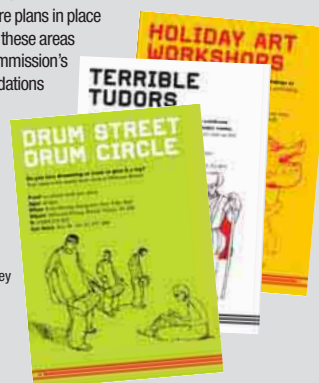
The Audit Commission said: "Cultural services are a clear priority for Hackney and this is reflected in continuing investment."

"The Council has focused on raising the standards of leisure centres, parks and libraries to improve their accessibility, usage and resident satisfaction levels."

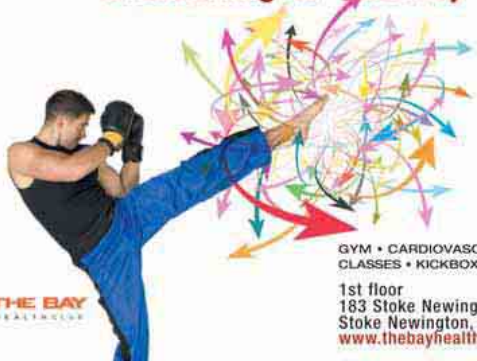
Kim Wright, Corporate Director for Community Services, added: "The Commission's rating is a good result, but we are not complacent and recognise there is still room for improvement."

"There are plans in place to work on these areas and the Commission's recommendations will be vital in helping us make services even better."

The Discover Young Hackney festival was singled out for praise by the Audit Commission



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The stars come out



Council staff rushed to have their photo taken with awards host – EastEnders Barbara Windsor

By

Carolyn Freaney



YOU can take the girl out of Hackney, but you can't take Hackney out of the girl.

That was clear when EastEnders star Barbara Windsor added a touch of showbiz sparkle to the Hackney Stars awards.

The annual event gives Council staff recognition for their commitment to making Hackney a better place to live and work.

And Shoreditch born Babs was gladly on hand to present the awards and delight the audience with her memories of Hackney, including seeing her first stage show at the Empire as a youngster.

'This place really does mean the world to me. Stoke Newington, Clapton, Shoreditch, Mare Street. It's been my life and it's great to be back,' she said to big cheers.

Award-winners are nominated by colleagues in categories ranging from lifetime achievement to team of the year.

This year's Hackney Stars were:

- **Will Leng (Excellence in Customer Care):** ever friendly, Will deals directly with residents, working on the 2 Hillman Street reception.
- **Petra Roberts (Reaching Out To The Community):** helped empower young

people by engaging them in exciting cultural projects, including Discover Young Hackney.

- **Darren Boakes (Raising Our Game):** worked tirelessly to set up a successful discount scheme for carers and help to improve services.

- **Andrew Charles (I Love Hackney):** started as a Council trainee, five years later Andrew is a web guru. His accomplishments include building the Hackney Homes website.

- **The Affordable Homes Project Board (Effective Partnership Working):** developed a scheme to make low cost home ownership affordable to residents, which was selected as a national pilot in July.

- **CS and CYPs Information Systems Units (Team Of The Year):** for their contribution towards making the Council high performing and more efficient.

- **First Response Provider Team (Team Of The Year):** for their commitment to palliative care services offering packages to terminally ill people and carers.

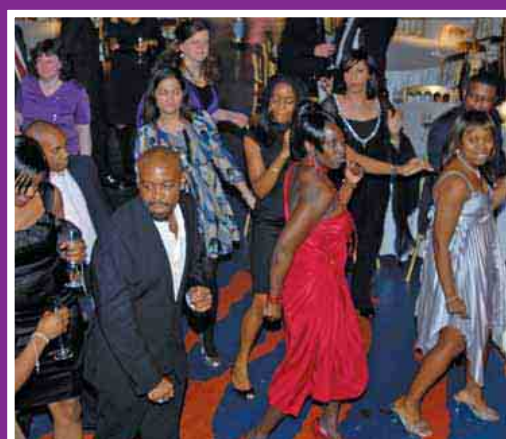
- **Recycling Team (Teams Of The Year):** introduced new services and improved existing ones like the Green Box scheme.

- **Switchboard Operator Team:** for going above and beyond the call of duty, making sure callers get the answers they're looking for.

- **Elizabeth Murphy (Lifetime Achievement):** has showed exceptional commitment, working with vulnerable children and their families for over 25 years. She said: "I feel truly honoured. It means so much to me to be appreciated in this way."

Barbara Windsor was born in Shoreditch – the child of a costermonger and dressmaker

DID YOU KNOW?



The Winners

1. Recycling Team (Teams Of The Year)
2. Will Leng (Excellence in Customer Care)
3. Petra Roberts (Reaching Out To The Community)
4. First Response Provider Team (Team Of The Year)
5. Switchboard Operator Team
6. Andrew Charles (I Love Hackney)
7. Elizabeth Murphy (Lifetime Achievement)
8. CS and CYPs Information Systems Units (Team Of The Year)
9. The Affordable Homes Project Board (Effective Partnership Working)
10. Darren Boakes (no picture available) (Raising Our Game)

Curriculum Vitae Barbara Windsor

6 August, 1937: Barbara Ann Deeks, born in Shoreditch

1954: first film appearance – Belles of St Trinians

1963: joined Joan Littlewood Theatre Workshop and starred in the stage and film versions of Sparrows Can't Sing, earning her a BAFTA nomination for Best British Film Actress

1963: Starred in Oh, What A Lovely War on Broadway, receiving a Tony Award nomination in 1965

1964: appeared in first Carry On ... Spying

1969: appeared in Carry On Camping – notorious for her bikini top scene

1994: First appearance in EastEnders as Peggy Mitchell

1999: Best Actress Award at the British Soap Awards

2000: MBE for services to acting in the Queen's New Year's Honours List

2007: took part in a star-studded Radio Two tribute special at the Hackney Empire in honour of her six decades in show business

“This place really does mean the world to me. Stoke Newington, Clapton, Shoreditch, Mare St. It's been my life and its great to be back”

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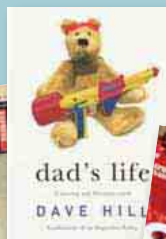
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Curriculum Vitae Dave Hill



- 1958** Born in Somerset
- 1980** First journalism published in underground music magazine Zig Zag
- 1981** Began writing for the NME and City Limits
- 1983** Freelance journalist for the Guardian and Observer
- 1986** Interviewed Godfather of Soul James Brown for the Independent's first edition
- 1989** First book published, *Out Of His Skin*, on racism in football
- 2003** First novel published, *Dad's Life*
- 2006** Began writing for the Guardian's Comment Is Free pages
- 2007** Set up the Clapton Pond Blog



All in a day's blog

Guardian writer talks about the 'new journalism'

Journalist Dave Hill by his beloved Clapton Pond



By James Willsher

HACKNEY is a life's work for journalist, novelist and blogger Dave Hill, who says there's a wealth of stories on his doorstep just waiting to be told.

Dave, 49, who lives with his wife and three of his six children on Thistlewaite Road, writes the Clapton Pond Blog, but is perhaps better known for his contributions to the Guardian's online Comment Is Free web pages.

The freelance journalist has lived in the borough for more than 25 years, and wants to expand his Hackney-based blog, initially begun in his spare time, to include more Hackney people, interviews,

news reporting, and coverage of the Council's activities.

He said: "There is so much to find out, so many extraordinary stories out there. There are millions of questions I'd like to ask about what goes on your doorstep – anywhere else would be dull.

"If we can get to the point where it genuinely reflects what it's like to live here ... but it's a life's work. There are so many amazing stories to be told, we're barely scratching the surface, really."

He'd like to talk to the borough's police Safer Neighbourhoods Teams, for instance, and gets excited about the stories behind some interesting new shops that have opened up on Lower Clapton Road, or a visit to the Madina Mosque, which is visible

from his front window.

Dave has always worked as a freelance journalist, starting off in the early 1980s writing about music, interviewing Godfather of Soul James Brown for the Independent's first edition in 1986, before moving on to

sport and family matters, novels, and blogging.

Over the years he has seen a lot going on in Hackney, from regeneration to the opening of new academies, including Mossbourne, where one of his children is a pupil.

"You can joke about Hackney being the centre of the universe, almost everything that comes out of urban Britain comes from

here, or comes here first.

"Mossbourne is the academy which seems to be doing what academies are supposed to be doing, and it's been interesting being able to find out about it as a 'user'. If Mossbourne works, then that's important nationally – and again we come back to Hackney being at the centre of the universe."

Despite contributing to a number of blogs and working from home, he admits more to being a 'technoduffer' than a 'technodad', but is keen to see more online writing from Hackney residents and beyond.

"There should be more people with their own blogs," he said, "Not just from local people, but people from all over the world, we should be able to find them and they find us."

"You have much more control over what you write

“There are so many amazing stories to be told, we're barely scratching the surface”

about. It's a new kind of journalism."

And in true blogging fashion, after speaking to Hackney Today he posted an entry online about forgetting to mention Clapton Pond's new fountain – well almost!

MORE INFO

Read the Clapton Pond Blog, at: www.davehill.typepad.com/claptonian



greenmatters



THE GREEN GENIE

All your recycling questions answered

Q: I've just moved to Hackney and understand that recycling is compulsory. Does this include the Blue Bin food waste scheme?



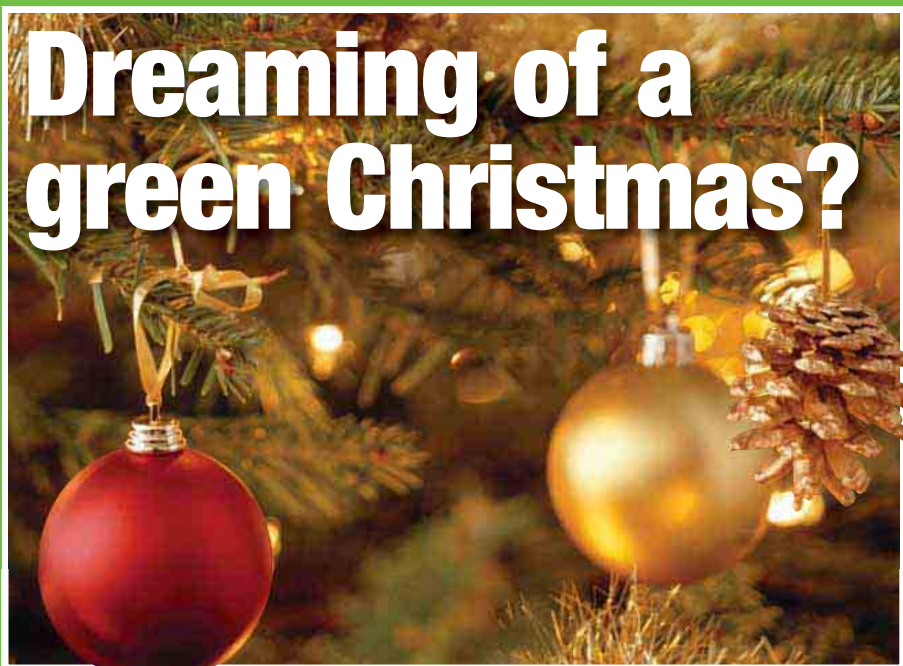
A: No, the Blue Bin food waste scheme is optional, and is available to all street level properties in Hackney. To order a Blue Bin, or to opt out of the scheme, call the recycling hotline on: **020 8356 6688**. Please remember however, that the Green Box street level kerbside collection scheme, is compulsory.

MORE INFO

To ask the Genie a question e-mail: recycling@hackney.gov.uk or write to: **Green Genie, Recycling, 2nd Floor, 263 Mare Street, E8 3HT.**

For more information on recycling in the borough call: **020 8356 6688**, or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling

Dreaming of a green Christmas?



Christmas doesn't have to generate so much extra waste

All stories by
Annie Gilbert



CHRISTMAS is coming whether you like it or not. Some people plan months in advance, others

leave it to the last minute, but however you choose to play it, the festive season can generate a massive amount of household

waste. So in this issue, the Council's recycling team has come up with a wealth of information on how to enjoy a green Christmas.



PLANNING a festive bash? As more over-packaged convenience food and products go on sale at this time of year, why not put the environment first and follow our top tips for a greener festive period, it couldn't be easier!

Getting ready

- Try and work out how many people are coming to your party and only buy what you need.
- Make a shopping list, this should keep you

focused on what you need, rather than buying stuff on impulse that will only go to waste.

- Buy any fruit and vegetables loose, and not pre-packed. Skins are natural packaging!
- Invest in decorations you can reuse, rather than buying ones that won't last.

Setting up

- Use your normal utensils, instead of disposable cutlery and plates; this will reduce the amount of rubbish you throw away.
- If you are having a large event, use a glass hire service from a local

“ Invest in decorations you can reuse, rather than buying ones that won't last ”

supermarket, rather than buying plastic cups, which are a huge waste, as you cannot recycle them in Hackney.

- Keep all meat in the fridge and take it out as and when you need it. Freeze what you don't use.

- Avoid leaving out large quantities of salads, fruit, and bread as they go off quickly. If any of these foods are left over, you can either home compost them, or recycle them in a Blue Bin.



TOP TIP

Why not put your Green Box next to the bin, to collect empty drinks cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles and jars. Your guests can place their empties straight in to be recycled



For every tonne of paper recycled, 17 trees are saved

DID YOU KNOW?

See the wood for the trees

THE Woodland Trust and Recycle Now have teamed up again to launch their annual Christmas card recycling scheme.

This year organisers hope to raise enough funds to plant 24,000 trees by collecting 100million cards.

Recycling greetings cards is a simple way everyone can cut down their festive waste, and make a positive contribution to tackling climate change.

It is estimated that recycling 93million cards last year saved 2,400 tonnes of CO2 equivalent

greenhouse gases.

During January, collection bins will be placed in Tesco in Morning Lane, and Marks and Spencer in Mare Street.

Residents can also recycle their festive cards at a Woodland Trust collection point in the Town Hall reception.

Alternatively, residents who live in street level properties can recycle their cards in their Green Box collection.



“It is estimated that recycling 93million cards last year saved 2,400 tonnes of CO2 equivalent greenhouse gases”

Stuck for a pressie?

CAN'T think what to get your loved ones for Christmas? Well there's a wide range of recycled products out there that might just be the novel gift you're looking for.

And at the same time as solving your present dilemma, you'll be doing your bit for the environment.

It's also a timely reminder that dropping your empties into your Green Box or local bottle bank for example, is only the first step in the recycling process.

Once a material has been collected, sorted and sent to a reprocessing plant, it is then turned into a new product.

Recycling ultimately depends on there being a market for the materials collected, so making a conscious effort to seek out and buy green goods



helps to close the recycling loop.

The Recycle Now website has a wide range of gift ideas and you can shop online in the following departments:

- Everyday products
- Recycling gadgets
- Furnishings & tableware
- Toys
- For the garden
- Stationery
- Clothing & accessories
- Gifts for him
- Gifts for her
- Gifts for kids

MORE INFO

Stuck for a gift? Visit:
www.recyclenow.com/shopping



Order your Green Box net today

To order your net, phone the recycling hotline on 020 8356 6688, email recycling@hackney.gov.uk or fill in the tear off slip and post it back.

Please send me a free net for my Green Box

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Address 2 _____
Postcode _____

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A page written by young people in Hackney

HEADLINERS

MAKING NEWS CHANGING LIVES

This page has been compiled by Headliners – a youth journalism charity, that helps young people aged eight to 19 produce videos, radio, written news reports and podcasts. For more information: www.headliners.org

WELCOME to the Hackney Today youth page. It's written by young people, but we hope it will be read by Hackney residents of all ages.

This month the page is edited by budding journalists from Headliners, a youth charity that helps young people explore and challenge the world around them through media.

The aim of this page is to get young Hackney voices heard across the borough. Our reporters will talk to MPs, heads of industry, and celebrities; but most importantly they'll talk to other young people, so if you have anything to say or any suggestions about the page, please contact us by e-mailing: htnews@hackney.gov.uk

My opinion

My opinion on War

By Adam Bhula, 10

When everyone sees the world split up into different continents and countries that is when war starts, but if you open up your eyes you can see everything together and realise we are one big world. War destroys lives, puts animals in danger and splits families up. But peace can bring joy, happiness and a healthy Earth.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Or what issue do you want to discuss on this page? Let us know at: htnews@hackney.gov.uk



Mitesh, Mensah and Adam clamber over London's famous landmarks

“

It's not everyday you get to go around an art gallery and what we did was really fun

”

London is a place for me

By Adam, Mitesh & Mensah, aged 10

OUR Headliners journalists went to the Iniva gallery in Shoreditch with the Aspace art club.

“It was a fun trip because the gallery had just opened and Iniva is a place for all people.

We went to see an exhibition called ‘London is a place for me’ by artist Leticia Valverdes.

We had our pictures taken in a studio, then they put them on a background photo from somewhere in London.

The background made it look like you had actually been there and the pictures looked so real it was like you were standing on a building.

Once the photos were taken the artist turned them into postcards. (see image, above)

We interviewed the gallery's education curator, Teresa



The group are first photographed in a studio, left, before being superimposed onto the background, right.

Cisneros Ledda, about the new building and what things are going to happen there.

Her job involves working with artists on projects with young people. She told us it took about a year to build this new building, but that they'd been planning it and raising money for about seven years.

‘We'll have music events, exhibitions, workshops for young people, projects with

artists,’ she said. We'll have film screenings and more parties. Anything to get people to come and look at art. And it's all free,’ she added.

We also interviewed other children about the exhibition and most of their opinions were positive.

Qindan, Nickeata and Jessikah all liked dressing up. ‘My favourite thing was dressing up,’ said Nickeata.

‘And acting because you get to experiment and be a different person.’

Tia, Calvin and Aaron liked having their picture taken. ‘Because you're getting put on a postcard and loads of other people will be impressed,’ said Aaron.

Sara and Michael liked the exhibition because it was different. ‘It's not everyday you get to go around an art gallery and what we did was really fun. I'd definitely come again – about 1000 times – I wouldn't get bored,’ said Sara.

If you're in London you should go to Iniva. It is great for everyone, young or old, and for people who live here or who are tourists.”

MORE INFO

Iniva (Institute of International Visual Arts) is at Rivington Place, EC2. Visit: www.iniva.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Sutton House was built in 1535 by Ralph Sadleir who was Henry VIII's Secretary of State



The spirit of history

Hackney's oldest house is a place of tall tales and hands-on history. Headliners reporters put on their doublets and gowns to investigate...

By **Gloire Ammany, 18,**
Mary McCarthy, 18,
Sarra Said-Wardell, 12, and
Ziyad Said-Wardell, nine

Visiting Sutton House is like stepping back in time and feeling history surround you – it's as if you've become a character from the past yourself.

It did help that we were given Victorian and Tudor costumes to wear while being shown around.

Winter is a nice time to visit because it adds to the spooky atmosphere – and makes you appreciate your heavy cloaks even more!

We had a tour of the whole house which is the oldest residential building in Hackney, built in 1535 by Ralph Sadleir, Secretary of State to Henry VIII.

We really liked the room upstairs with wooden wall panels, which open up to show original Tudor brickwork and decorations.

We were surprised to find out the Tudors kept their clothes in the 'garderobe' – otherwise known as a toilet! This was because the smell was said to ward off moths and flies, which destroyed their clothes.

The kitchen smelled

really nice because of all the fresh herbs and fruit they used. There were also mystery drawers to put your hand in and guess what's inside – including a rubber rat!



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One of the best things about the house is that it's very interactive – you can touch the furniture and there aren't any barriers in front of exhibits.

In the basement is a small, draughty chapel, which holds the 'spirits' of the house. Several ghosts are said to haunt the building.

The Lady in Blue was a Tudor whose heartbroken soul, the result of a dramatic divorce, is said to still wander the rooms.

The Lady in White was a Victorian head teacher at the Girls' School for Etiquette, once based at Sutton House. She was said to be a strict, horrible headmistress who beat her students – and her ghost is rumoured to be pretty scary too!

Finally there are three vicious dogs or wolves – which you can see carved into the nursery fireplace. No one has any idea where they came from, but people who have lived in the house, including the current custodian, have heard them howling at night!

Sutton House is more attractive and welcoming than your typical National Trust property because it supports community work and aims to attract local families – which also means it's cheap to visit, and they even have some free days for families.

If you haven't checked it out, you're missing out on a unique experience.

MORE INFO

Sutton House,
Homerton High St, E9.
Tel: **020 8986 2264** or visit:
www.nationaltrust.org.uk



A family get the chance to dress up. Left. Below. Sarra, Ziyad, Mary and Gloire in the chapel and kitchen



All aboard



By **Sarra Said-Wardell, 12**
and Mary McCarthy, 18,

THE Purple Bus is a youth club on wheels. It visits different Hackney estates five days a week, bringing IT and cycle repair facilities to the youth.

The project focuses on 11 to 19-year-olds and gives them the opportunity to explore the net for free.

It also offers regular IT courses such as Learning to Type, Hero Machine, BBC Web Wise, Football Basic Training and Learn IT Skills.

The bus, provided by Hackney Youth Service, also has a whiteboard to play films and demonstrate IT skills.

We went to the Kingshold Estate on a Friday evening, and spoke to four boys, three of them aged 11, and John, 14.

The younger boys explained they visited the bus once a week and enjoyed playing games and listening to music. John said: "I attend regularly because it helps keep me off the streets, and it's fun... all my friends use it."

Keir Apperly, an Outreach Youth Worker for Hackney Youth Service, works on the bus.

He explained there is a high demand for the bus, so it can't remain on the same estates for too long.

He said: "We are by definition a mobile unit, so we can pick up

and go as and when it's a good time. But we stay for long enough, until there's a reason [to go]."

Keir explained the bus tries to link up with other youth facilities. He said: "The idea is to come to a place which doesn't have much in the way of youth provision, then get something going. Like if there's a community centre that's not getting used, encourage that to start getting used more, so we're leaving behind something that can carry on after we've gone."

All the young people

we spoke to said most of their friends went to the Purple Bus and enjoyed meeting up there.

Keir, who drives the bus, added: "I liken it to driving an ice-cream van sometimes – you see them running along as you're arriving."



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Councillor election in Springfield Ward – your questions answered

A by-election is taking place on December 20 for one councillor in Springfield Ward, following the resignation of Cllr Eric Ollerenshaw.

What is a by-election?

A by-election is a special election held to fill a political office that has become vacant between general or local elections.

Who can vote in this one?

Anyone who lives in Springfield Ward and is on the electoral register. If you're eligible to vote you'll receive a polling card a week before the election to notify you.

How do I know if I'm on the electoral register?

If you returned your voter registration form this autumn you are registered. If you didn't, there is still time to register. The deadline is 5 December. Call the elections office (below) for more information.

When is the election?

7am to 10pm on Thursday, 20th December.

How can I vote?

There are a few different ways that you can vote:

- In person on the day at a polling station between 7am and 10pm
- Via post (see below for more details)
- By proxy (call the elections office on the number below for more details).

Where do I vote?

If voting in person you will be told which polling station you should vote at when you receive your polling card.

How can I vote by post?

Voting by post is easy:

- Send an application for a postal ballot paper to the elections office. To receive an application form, call the number below or download a copy from www.hackney.gov.uk.
- Sign and send it to the address below and return it by **Wednesday 5th December at 5pm**
- You'll then receive your ballot paper at home.

In the recent electoral canvass I applied for postal voting. What does this mean?

If you have returned your voter registration form and applied for postal voting, you will be sent an application automatically.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact Hackney Council Electoral Services on **020 8356 3233 / 3234**, or email info@hackney.gov.uk.

All applications should be sent to Electoral Services, Room 60, Hackney Town Hall, London E8 1EA by Wednesday 5th December, 5pm.

There will also be election updates in future editions of Hackney Today and via the Council website.

Election Candidates

Monty Goldman - Communist Candidate
Maxine Hargreaves - Christian Party
Gordon Hodgson - Green Party
Michael Levy - The Conservative Party Candidate
Brian Stone - Liberal Democrats
Mohamed Munaf Zina - The Labour Party Candidate

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TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

1. HACKNEY PROMS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Baroque concert for all the family with music performed on period instruments ▶ [See Art](#)

2. KURDISH FILM FESTIVAL

A cinematic treat showcasing a huge range of Kurdish-made films
▶ See Cinema

3. SLIMMING WORLD

Get in shape for the festive season. Open for all
▶ See Health & Fitness

4. PIG'S EAR BEER FESTIVAL

Over 100 real ales
and ciders plus award-
winning foods and
traditional pub
games ▶ **See Nightlife**

5. COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT

In aid of St. Jopseph's Hospice & Macmillan nurses ▶ See Noticeboard



PREVIEW

A real Christmas cracker!

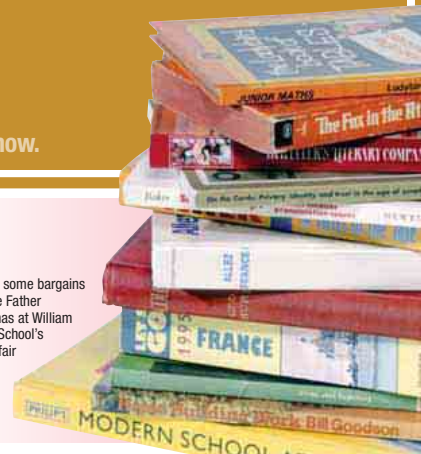
Ballet bad boy Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker at Sadler's Wells is receiving rave reviews.

► See inside for a preview of the hit show.

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Pick up some bargains
and see Father
Christmas at William
Patten School's
Winter fair





MORTALITY

5-9 Dec. Collective show by emerging contemporary artists. AQFFIN Gallery, 55 Commercial St, E1. Wed 11am-7pm, Sat 12-6pm & Sun 11am-4pm. **Info: 07737 197 536 or www.aqffin.com/gallery.htm**



Mortality at AQFFIN

HACKNEY IN FOCUS

5-9 Dec (submission of images) 11 Dec 4-8pm (official opening). Photography exhibition curated by third year Digital Photography students at LSBU. Marie Lloyd Bar (upstairs), Hackney Empire, 289 Mare St, E8. To take part, submit your images via the website. **Info: www.hackneyinfocus.co.uk or e-mail: lsbu.exhibition07@gmail.com**

SPITALFIELDS WINTER FESTIVAL

12-21 Dec. Ten days of music in the heart of East London. Highlights include Dante Quartet with actor Walter van Dyk; Community Carols with Christ Church, Spitalfields; gospel singing workshop. £5 or less (many events free), **info/bookings: 020 7377 1362 or www.spitalfieldsfestival.org.uk**

LINES OF DESIRE

13-20 Dec. Exhibition and performance to celebrate the new work created in this season's Workshops on Thursdays. Positive East, 159 Mile End Rd, E1. **Info: 020 7791 2855.**

NOT YOUR AVERAGE TYPE

14-21 Dec. Core Arts presents an exhibition/book launch. 1 St Barnabas Terrace, E9. Opening and closing nights featuring poetry, performance and music. Free. **Info: 020 8533 3500 or www.corearts.co.uk**

HACKNEY PROMS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

16 Dec, 11.30am. "From Dawn till Dusk: a musical stroll round London" - Join Battuta for a special winter Baroque concert for all the family, with music performed on period instruments, a few surprises to kick off the Christmas festivities. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, E8.



DON'T MISS

Core Arts' book launch and exhibition also featuring poetry and music. From 14 December

Bookings/info: 020 8985 2424 or www.hackneyempire.co.uk

FIVE DECADES OF EAST LONDON PHOTOGRAPHY

Until 21 Dec. Exhibition of images by Colin O'Brien documents both commonplace and extraordinary aspects of city life. Chats Palace, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, E9. Mon-Sat 12-8pm, Sun 12-5pm. Free **Info: 020 8533 0227.**

To advertise your arts event here e-mail: **whatson@hackney.gov.uk**



VUE CINEMA ISLINGTON

Beowulf (12A) Brick Lane (15) and Jesus Camp (PG) 36 Parkfield St, Islington, N1. **More releases/info: 08712 240 240.**

CINEWORLD WOOD GREEN

From 6 Dec. Fred Claus (PG) and American Gangster (18). Wood Green Shopping City, off Noel Park Rd, N22. **More releases/adv bookings: 0871 200 2000 info: www.cineworld.co.uk**

HOLLYWOOD GREEN (SHOWCASE)

From 6 Dec. Hitman (15) and The Golden Compass (PG). 180 High Rd, Wood Green, N22. **More releases/adv bookings/info: 0870 162 8960.**

ODEON HOLLOWAY

5 Dec. The Darjeeling Limited (15) and This Christmas (12A). 419-427 Holloway Rd, N7. **More releases - Filmline: 0871 22 44 007, info: www.odeon.co.uk**

ODEON - LEE VALLEY

5 Dec. Star Dust (PG) and Into the Wild (12A). Lee Valley Leisure Complex, Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, N9. **More releases - Filmline: 0871 22 44 007, info: www.odeon.co.uk**

RIO CINEMA

Until 6 Dec. 5th Kurdish Film Festival - an extraordinary variety of films made by Kurdish film makers or about Kurdish issues. 107 Kingsland High St, E8. **Full details/info: 020 7241 9410, www.riocinema.org.uk or www.lkff.co.uk**

STRATFORD EAST PICTUREHOUSE

Bratz (PG) and American Gangster (18). Salway Rd, E15. **More releases/info: 0871 704 2066 or www.picturehouses.co.uk**



COURSES

WALK AND TALK

1 Dec 10.30am. 500 yrs of Black, Asian and Jewish history in London's East End. Put on your walking shoes and join historian S.I. Martin on this 90min tour and learn how the garment industry, maritime trade and immigration impacted the development of the East End. Starts at the V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. Age 12+, £3 (adv booking required), **24hr info: 020 8980 2415, Switchboard: 020 8983 5200 or www.museumofchildhood.org.uk**

CERAMIC WORKSHOPS

Sat 11am-1pm. Theme based workshops. Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmith's Row, E2. Free (firing £5 per kilo of clay), **info: tematrilia@yahoo.co.uk**

Competition

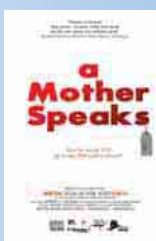
Win tickets to 'A Mother Speaks' at Hackney Empire Studio

The strength of a mother's love is immeasurable: nurturing, caring, educating, supporting. In short a mother's life is in her child.

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A Mother Speaks tells this emotional and powerful story, set amid a culture of gun and gang crime, tough legislation and political unrest.

Directed by Hackney Empire's favourite Susie McKenna (Sit & Shiver, Happy



Prince) and produced by award-winning Simon James Collier (Ruthless, Purlie, Postcards from God), this gritty and thought provoking drama tackles current issues head on.

Hackney Today has got five pairs of tickets to see A Mother Speaks on

25 January 2008, at 7.45pm. All you need to do is send your name and phone number to "A Mother Speaks Competition," 2 Hillman Street, London, E8 1FB, or e-mail **lee.ray@hackney.gov.uk**, by 12 noon on 10 December. The lucky winners will be picked out of a hat.

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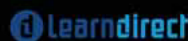
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THE VILLAGE GUITAR STUDIO

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To advertise classes or a course here e-mail: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

**HEALTH & FITNESS****GET ACTIVE BY 'WALKINGTOGETHER'**

For simple, easy steps towards a healthier lifestyle take part in Healthy Walks taking place across Hackney. Suitable for all ages, walks 30-60mins with a trained Health Walk leader also trained in first aid. **Info: Surbjit Mahey 07891 498150 or e-mail: surbjit.mahey@learningtrust.co.uk**

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Mon 10.30am. Meet other parents, learn a new skill to help parents and babies relax

and improves sleep patterns. Buggies & Bikes, 23 Broadway Mkt, E8. Suitable for babies from birth to crawling; booking advisable, spaces limited. **Info: Jackie 07974 736712.**

SLIMMING WORLD

Thurs 7pm. Learn how to eat lots of real food and still lose weight. All Saints Centre, Haggerston Rd, E8. Women, men and children welcome. **Info: Gill 020 7502 2306 or gillyjackson@blueyonder.co.uk**

HOMEOPATHY SESSIONS

Low cost help for low-income families in Hackney supported by Inner City Outer Space. Lightsite, 14 Allen Rd, N16. Consultations £4 + £2 per remedy (proof of child tax credits or housing benefit will be required). **Info/bookings: 020 7249 2425.**

AEROBIC CLASSES

Thurs 1.30-2.30pm for over 50s at Stamford Hill Library. Portland Avenue, Stamford Hill N16. **Info: Lareisse Blackman 020 8986 7531.**

ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY

Every Wednesday, sessions available at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. **Info: Sunstone Women 0870 777 1669 or www.sunstonewomen.com**

TRADITIONAL HATHA YOGA

Wed 7-8.30pm, classes in the upper meeting room at St Mary's Community Centre, Defoe Rd N16. Beginners welcome. **Info: Sylvia 020 7241 2684.**

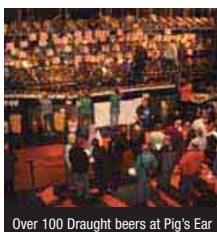
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ANGLE**NIGHTLIFE****CARGO**

6 Dec, 7pm-1am. Sonny J, the man behind the tune of the summer "Can't Stop Moving", plays live with guests. 83 Rivington St, Kingsland Viaduct, EC2. Live music venue for over 18s. **£8 (adv bookings only): www.cargo-london.com**



Over 100 Draught beers at Pig's Ear

Pig's Ear Beer Festival

4-8 Dec, 12pm onwards. Showcasing over 100 draught beers at the annual festival organised by the Campaign For Real Ale. Also on offer is award winning food and traditional pub games. Hackney Ocean, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE. **Info: www.pigsear.co.uk**

THE COMEDY CAFE

Mon - Sat until 21 Dec. Christmas Parties 2007 - three course meal, stand-up comedians followed by dancing till late. 66/68 Rivington St, EC2A. Choice of dining times: 6.30, 7pm or 7.30pm. Mon, Tue & Sat £35.50 and Wed, Thurs & Fri £44.50 (per person, min eight people). **Bookings: 020 7739 5706. Info: www.comedycafe.co.uk**

HERBAL NIGHTCLUB

A selection of the best international and UK DJs from every genre. 10-14 Kingsland Rd, E2. Fri & Sat 9pm-3am, Sun 9pm-2am. **Info: 020 7613 4462 or w2.herbaluk.com**

THE VORTEX JAZZ CLUB

10 Dec, 8.45pm. The TransAtlantic Collective performs at one of London's premier jazz clubs, 11 Gillett St, N16. **£9, info: 020 7993 3643 or www.vortexjazz.co.uk**

RED ROSE COMEDY CLUB

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**PREVIEW****Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker @ Sadler's Wells**

By Paul Knipe

THIS delicious theatrical feast has family-sized helpings of ballet bad boy Matthew Bourne's trademark wit, pathos and magical fantasy. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker! follows Clara's bittersweet journey from a hilariously bleak Christmas Eve at Dr Dross' Orphanage, through an ice-skating winter wonderland to the scrumptious candy kingdom of Sweetieland. Tchaikovsky's glorious score and Anthony Ward's

unforgettable sets and costumes combine with sizzling choreography to create a fresh, hip and charmingly irreverent interpretation of the traditional Christmas favourite. Matthew Bourne has achieved worldwide success with his imaginative new stagings of classics such as Swan Lake, The Car Man and Edward Scissorhands. His work on the hit musical Mary Poppins won him his fifth Olivier Award. This New Adventures' production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker! is one of the

most popular productions ever staged at Sadler's Wells. It now returns for a record-breaking fifth Christmas season - for a strictly limited six week run. This really is family entertainment at its dazzling best. Tickets are selling fast, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker! runs from 13 December to 20 January. Tickets: £10-£49. Box Office: 0844 412 4300; or visit: www.sadlerswells.com

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Sat 11am-1pm. Indoor athlet-

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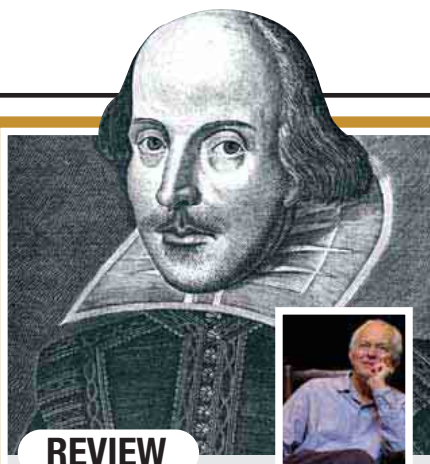
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REVIEW

Sweet William
@ Arcola Theatre, Dalston

By Paul Knipe

Sweet William is a one man tour de force about the life, work and times of William Shakespeare. The author and performer, Michael Pennington, (inset) combines textual scholarship and practical knowledge with over 20,000 hours of Shakespearian performance to deliver a portrait of epic proportions. From As You Like It to Anthony and Cleopatra; Macbeth to Measure for Measure – Pennington flits from play to play with consummate ease and masterly precision. But this is not a performance that appeals only to those well-versed in Shakespeare. On the contrary, the brilliance of this work is the way

Pennington contextualises the excerpts in the culture and politics of the day. The audience is left feeling this is as much a portrait of England under the Tudors and Stuarts as it is a portrait of the great playwright himself. This is a man whose life and work – portrayed so sublimely in this performance – is as embedded in society today as it was 400 years ago. Amongst many other aspects this work portrays Shakespeare the Marxist, the feminist, the historian, the florist, the philosopher, the 'honey-tongued' bard, and above all, the social commentator. **Sweet William is on until 8 December. Tickets £13, £9 concessions. Box Office: 020 7503 1646, or call: info@arcolatheatre.com**



THEATRE

SWEET WILLIAM

SEE REVIEW Until 8 Dec, 8pm. A celebration of Shakespeare through some of his most memorable characters, performed by classical actor, Michael Pennington. Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola St, E8. £13/£9 concessions (pay what you can Tuesday, subject to availability). **Box Office/info: 020 7503 1646 or www.arcolatheatre.com**

UPSTAIRS IN THE SKY

3-20 Dec. For ages 3-5, Quicksilver Theatre's gentle, heart-warming play about family love will take you on an imaginary journey through a dark, dark wood, up a tall, tall tower to a beautiful, magical cloudscape. Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola St, E8. Mon-Fri 10.15am & Sat 2pm. **Bookings: 020 7503 1646, info: www.arcolatheatre.com or www.quicksilvertheatre.org.uk**

PLEASANCE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Until 30 Dec. A mini Edinburgh style programme with shows running from morning until night throughout December. Pleasance Theatre Islington, Carpenters Mews, North Rd, N7. From the 'Big Ugly Monster' to 'Crash Test Comedy', there is something to entertain the whole family. **Full details, incl**

dates, times and prices: 020 7609 1800 or www.pleasance.co.uk/islington



Quicksilver's Upstairs in the Sky

CINDERELLA

Until 19 Jan. Pantomime, set on the fairytale island of Guadalupe will be a colourful cocktail of hilarity, wonder and romance. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15. Open 7pm, school matinees 10.15am & 1.45pm, Sat & Holiday matinees 3pm. Term time weekday: adults £10/ £16, children & concessions £6/ £10; Sat & school holidays: adults £12/ £19, children & concessions £8/£12. **Box Office: 020 8534 0310 or www.stratfordeast.com**



Panto at the Hackney Empire

DICK WHITTINGTON & HIS CAT

Until 12 Jan. The core elements of a traditional pantomime - spectacular sets and costumes, magical spectacle, exciting music and dance, slapstick comedy and great fun - with Clive Rowe. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, E8. £9.50-£19.50, show times vary. **Box office/info: 020 8985 2424 or www.hackneyempire.co.uk**

COMEDY NIGHTS

Every Monday 8pm. Stand-up comedy at Theatre Royal Bar, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15. Admission free, **info: 020 8279 1160 / 1161 or www.stratfordeast.com**

To advertise a performance or an event here e-mail: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

Don't miss our next issue out on 17 December

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NOTICEBOARD

HACKNEY REFUGEE FORUM MEETING

7 Dec, 1-3pm. Refresh your networks with refugee organisations and service providers. HCVS conference room, 84 Springfield House, 5 Tyssen St, E8. **Info: 020 7923 1962.**

STEPPING STONES

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

8 Dec, 11am-4pm. Craft stalls, lots of activities for young people, Magic Show and more. Round Chapel, Powerscroft Rd, E5. All welcome, admission 20p, **info: Christina 020 8985 2694.**

WILLIAM PATTEN SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

9 Dec, 12-3pm. Jumble, toys, books, Father Christmas, crafts, carol singers and more. Stoke Newington Church St, N16.

COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT

11 Dec, 7pm. In aid of St. Joseph's Hospice & Macmillan Nurses. St. John's Church, Hoxton, N1. Come along to sing and listen, light refreshments available.

OLDER PEOPLE'S REFERENCE GROUP

11 Dec 10am-12noon. Social Care Services for Older People in Hackney over the next five years with Eve Oldham – Joint Commissioner for Older

People's Services. Trinity Centre, Beechwood Rd, E8. Come and have your say! **Info (incl. requests for help with transport for people with mobility difficulties): David, Age Concern Hackney, 020 7241 5906.**

JEWISH WOMEN'S CENTRE

10 Dec 8.45pm, chanuka party with doughnuts, latkes, candle making and chanuka gelt. 17 Dec 8.45pm, talk - Do Jewish women have to be knowledgeable? 18 Dec 10am, book club with Israeli style breakfast. 19 Northfield Road, N16. **Info: 020 8809 6508.**



Christmas Forest

CHRISTMAS FOREST

Until 24 Dec, 8am-10pm daily. Trees farmed from sustainable sources - every tree cut is replaced by a new one - mostly in the UK to minimise 'tree miles'. St Paul's Church, 306 Amhurst Rd (Stoke Newington High St), N16. **Info: Tel: 07929 255 232 www.christmasforest.co.uk**

50s CLUB

Wed 11am-1pm. For people over 50 years who want to learn something new, share new ideas or maybe expand their horizons. Saint Michael & All Angels, Church Hall, London Fields E8. **Info: 07864 703 153.**

what's on

Been to something brilliant in Hackney? Send us a review and we'll publish it in Hackney Today. Content should be no longer than 250 words. Please include a contact telephone number. E-mail us at: htnews@hackney.gov.uk

We reserve the right to edit any material.

Competitions

In issue 172, Hackney Today offered readers a chance win the hottest Xmas tickets in town to see Dick Whittington and His Cat at the Hackney Empire.

The lucky winners were: R Ratcliffe, E9 & S Kaur, E5.

We also gave readers the opportunity to win two places on a beer tasting course as part of the Pig's Ear Festival on 8 December at the Ocean. The winner was: K Collins, E2



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Christmas Day, 25 Dec 10am

For further services and details call 020 8985 5374 or visit our website at www.stjohn-at-hackneychurch.org.uk

**WEIRD
SCIENCE**

De Beauvoir pupils have been experimenting with solar power, balancing butterflies and secret writing

A Space celebrates 10 years

By
Emma Britton



AN acclaimed learning centre that helps children and parents by using creative activities has celebrated its tenth anniversary.

More than 60 guests marked a decade of A Space's after school programmes, which aim to ease the transition between primary and secondary school.

Celebrations for the centre, which is based in

Shacklewell Row, were held at the newly opened Institute of International Visual Arts (Iniva) in Shoreditch.

Among those present was Anne Jackson, from the Department for Children, Schools and Families, who praised the centre's work.

Also joining the celebrations were David Lammy, Minister for Skills in the Department for Universities and Skills, and Nicola Baboneau, chair of the A Space steering group, who leads on Communities and Partnerships at the Learning Trust.

A Space has won a number of awards and acknowledgements for its services to young people



Happy Birthday A Space

A Space has researched and piloted extended school services in and out of curriculum time. It aims to help young people by improving literacy, enhancing emotional learning and developing critical thinking.

Its pioneering work

supported the development of a Government national framework for study support.

A Space has won a number of awards and acknowledgements for its services to young people, parents and carers, including the 2006 Chrissi

Bailey Arts and Media Special Project Award.

MORE INFO

Call: 020 7254 1415,
or e-mail:
aspace4youngpeople@hotmail.com



De Beauvoir kids 'gone to seed'

By **Karyn Michael**

YOUNGSTERS from De Beauvoir School have taken part in some weird and wonderful scientific and eco-friendly activities.

The Year 5 pupils explored scientific techniques by experimenting with 'balloon buggies, solar power, flying tubes, balancing butterflies and secret writing'.

The session was part of the Sustainable Educational

Environmental Developmental Sessions (SEEDS) programme for primary schoolchildren.

It was developed by Sphere Science, a team of UK science educators, and provides 30 activities relating to environmental issues; each lasting 30 minutes.

These sessions are intended to be short, practical, self-contained and fun. They aim to encourage children to think scientifically about their tasks, ask questions and communicate their observations and ideas.

The pupils that took part in the sessions can now use their new knowledge to teach younger peers how to run their own science clubs at De Beauvoir.



Legal eagles support schools

By **James Willsher**

CITY law firm Linklaters is supporting schools with some exciting new programmes and a volunteering initiative involving every Hackney primary and secondary school.



This includes a series of innovative reading, writing and debating challenges, culminating in a borough-wide final next March that supports Words Unite, the campaign to get Hackney reading.

"The programme opens up a world of possibility for Hackney pupils by showing the link between education, achievement and a professional life some may not have experienced first hand," said Learning Trust Chief Executive, Alan Wood.

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10. Never give sparklers to children under five
11. Always supervise children

- Posters MUST BE in A3 or A4
portrait layout



COMPETITION RULES

- Please use felt pens pencils and crayons
- The competition is open to those aged: 5-10 years
and 11-16 years
- Please write your name, age and address on the back
of the poster
- All entries must be marked Firework Competition and
sent to Murthy Balakrishnan, 81 Downham Road N1 5TR.
- There will be judged one overall winner and one
runner up in each age group
- The competition is open to Hackney residents only.
All entries are non-refundable and finalists will be
asked to provide proof of address and age
- The closing date is 4 January 2008
- The overall winner will be the entry that
communicates the message most effectively and will
become our campaign poster
- The Council reserves the right to alter entries for
publication purposes

Hackney

HANDS ON

This page was compiled with the help of Homerton Hospital, City & Hackney Primary Care Trust, and the East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust

health

Star's moving health plea

By
Lara Gorman



BUCKS Fizz star Cheryl Baker spoke movingly about the death of her mother-in-law at an event to promote better infection control in hospitals.

The Eurovision winner was a guest speaker at the City and Hackney Primary Care Trust (CHPCT) organised event at the Ocean on 27 November.

The aim of the day was to highlight the issue of infection control and to continue driving down the number of deadly cases of MRSA and clostridium difficile (c-diff) acquired in hospitals.

NHS organisations



around the country strive to reduce hospital-acquired infections by five per cent each year.

However, the CHPCT and Homerton hospital have joined forces to set themselves a target of 25 per cent this year.

“Patients should feel free to say to us; can I just check, did you wash your hands?”

So far, they are on track to achieve this and prove that patients are in safe hands in Hackney.

Cheryl Baker was personally affected when her mother-in-law Doreen Ford died of C. diff, a bacterium that colonises the gastrointestinal tract.

She was recovering from cancer, when she took a sudden turn for the worse and died.

Cheryl commended the borough for their commitment to tackling these infections, and said: “You can teach a lot of other hospitals a lesson.”

Despite Hackney's good reputation on infection control, the event's message was for everyone to continue to be vigilant.

Mary Clarke, from the PCT, urged all staff to note any signs of bad hygiene and raise the alarm.

She said patients should know they have the right to challenge medical professionals without fearing their treatment would be compromised. Adding: “Patients should feel free to say to us; can I just check, did you wash your hands?”

MORE INFO

For more details for patients on infection control at Homerton hospital, visit www.homerton.nhs.uk/patients



Cheryl Baker tells Hackney's medical professionals they are an example to all



Another one for the trophy cabinet ...

By **James Willsher**

A **UNIQUE** Hackney football team now has a home for its silverware, following a visit from Sir Trevor Phillips.

The Chair of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights, ceremonially unveiled a trophy cabinet for Hackney FC to display its many prizes.

The team – made up of people who have experienced mental health difficulties – has gone from strength to strength and won an array of trophies.



Sir Trevor praised the team, saying: “I know many of the players have had to face enormous difficulties in their lives.

“By becoming part of a team, they can become fitter, have a sense of belonging and achievement that can help to promote recovery.”

He added he had been struck by the simplicity of the scheme and the impact

of the football team on players' lives. Janette Hynes, the force behind the project, set up the Positive Mental Attitude Football League, the first of its kind in the country.

An ex-professional female footballer for Fulham, Janette is an Occupational Therapist at East London NHS Foundation Trust.

The league now has 12 teams across various mental health trusts around London.

Last month, Hackney FC hosted a mental health football tournament for teams from as far afield as Cumbria, Wales, Oxford, and Manchester.

Sue Balmer, Director of Mental Health for City and Hackney, joked they would have to buy another cabinet as the team had already filled the new one.

Don't forget your flu jab

By **Gracia Douglas**

THE cold weather's coming and so, unfortunately, is the flu. It's an unpleasant experience for anyone, and for some, especially older people, or those with asthma, it can be serious.

For those at risk, the flu virus can lead to even more serious illnesses such as bronchitis or pneumonia.

The virus moves quickly, spreading from person to person in no time at all. The flu jab is currently the

best way to be protected.

The good news is that people in high risk groups are entitled to a free flu vaccination.

Getting the jab is safe, quick and effective, and available from your local GP or any Hackney pharmacist.

MORE INFO

For more details on who is eligible for a free flu jab, visit www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/articles/article.aspx?articleid=1028



Flu facts:

- Flu is highly infectious: 100,000 particles can be projected at 100mph into the air with just one sneeze
- The flu jab is free for people aged 65 and over and for people of any age (including children over six) with a serious medical condition
- It only takes a minute to get the jab, but it will protect you for 12 months
- The jab contains no live virus, so it cannot give you the flu

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF HOME CARE SERVICES BLOCK CONTRACTS

Hackney Council, with a 2 Star rating, is inviting tenders from suitably qualified organisations for the provision of Home Care Services in the borough. Services will be provided to Adults, Older People, and Children and Young People requiring home care services.

The Council is inviting tenders for four geographical block contracts from suitably qualified Organisations with a proven track record in the provision of Home Care Services within a diverse and multicultural borough such as Hackney. The Council intends to encourage consortium/partnership bids within the block contracts that will meet the needs of Hackney's diverse communities.

The current contract arrangement will end in October 2008 and new contracts will be for a period of five (5) years to commence from November 2008 until October 2013, with the possibility of extension of up to five years (subject to satisfactory performance and the agreement of the Council).

Details of the requirements for the provision of the service are included within the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire [PQQ] document pack.

For further information, or to request a PQQ document pack, please contact:

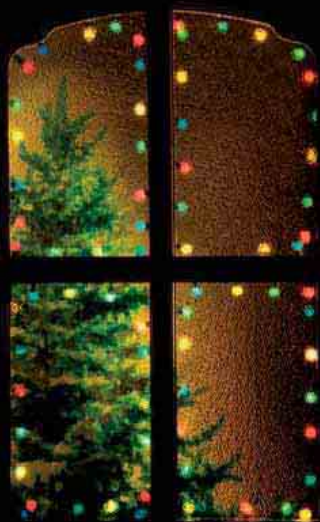
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The closing date for receipt of the completed PQQ is 17:00hrs, Friday 18th January 2008.



Don't encourage window shopping this festive season...

Many of us will have extra goods and presents at home over the festive season and it's important not to advertise this to thieves

- Lock doors and windows and keep wrapped presents out of sight
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For further advice on security contact the Crime Prevention Office on 020 8217 3345 or the Burglary Reduction Officer on 020 8356 2085

Have a happy and safe festive season





The Gothic Hall was an 18th century landmark

hackneyhistory

The gothic gloom

By Elizabeth Green

THE imposing Gothic mansion of a renowned art collector became a well known Stamford Hill landmark in the 19th century.

Gothic Hall was situated just south of Stamford Hill library, where Berwyn House, part of the Stamford Hill Estate, now stands.

antiques, and continued to expand the collection with artefacts from around the world.

The collection grew so large, that Windus had to build a special room on the south side of the Hall to house it, which became a museum.

The extension was built in the Gothic style, giving the house its name.

A historian of the time, described the building thus:

The buttresses are surmounted with grotesque heads: the top of the pointed west front terminating with a cross". (Robinson's History of Hackney, 1842, p. 151.)

Following Windus's death, the contents were

Gothic Hall ... the buttresses are surmounted with grotesque heads ...

auctioned off and the house made available for lease.

Hackney Archives has a copy of the sale catalogue, which provides a fascinating insight into the contents, which included 'fine specimens of stained glass, oak carvings, paintings and engravings, two carriage horses, a brougham, landaus and five other carriages'.

After 1855, the house was occupied by various individuals, some of them connected to the Congregational Church just to the north of the building.

It was eventually taken over by the North Hackney Constitutional Club and Conservative Association in 1910, until it was demolished in the 1930s to make way for the Stamford Hill Estate.



The house was built around the end of 18th century and became famous during the time Mr Thomas Windus lived there; from 1828 until his death in 1854.

Windus, who was born in 1778, came from a well off Hertfordshire family and inherited a large collection of watercolours and drawings from his father.

A fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, he also inherited a love for art and

"The exterior garden front of this building has the appearance of a Roman Catholic chapel, in a plain Gothic style of architecture of the sixteenth century...

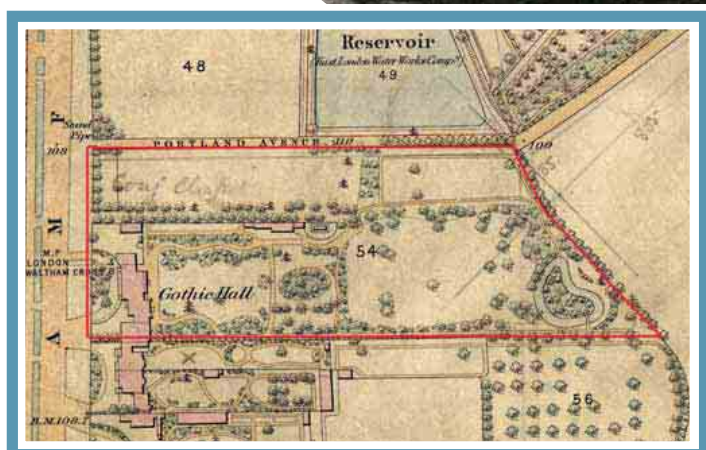
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Top, Gothic Hall in Stamford Hill, c.1870. Right, decorative stonework inside the Museum. Below, a map of the site dating from 1870. Left, sale catalogue for the auction of the contents of Gothic Hall, held on 5-6 June 1855



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DID YOU KNOW?

There will be up to 12 trains an hour on the core section of the line between Dalston and Surrey Quays



An artist's impression of the new Overground station at Hoxton

Line closes for billion pound upgrade

By
Emma Britton

WORK to bring Hackney's first proper Tube link begins when the East London Line (ELL) closes for major extension work on 22 December.

The line is due to reopen by June 2010 with four new stations at Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Hoxton and Shoreditch High Street.

The line will be extended north to Dalston Junction, and south to Crystal Palace and West Croydon, to become part of the London Overground network. Then it will be further extended to Highbury & Islington by 2011.

From Sunday, 23 December, passengers will be able to use special replacement bus services to get to Tube, DLR and National Rail services within Zone 2.

Liverpool Street station closure over Christmas

From 23 December 2007 until 1 January 2008, there will be no National Rail services to and from Liverpool Street station due to East London Line extension work in the Bishopsgate area. To register for e-mail updates about the Liverpool Street closure, visit: www.onerailway.com/xmas07updates

When the extended line opens, there will be new trains with more space, greater security, air conditioning and dedicated wheelchair bays.

There will be four trains an hour to New Cross, Crystal Palace and West Croydon, and up to 12 trains an hour on the core section of the line between Dalston and Surrey Quays.

The work is part of a £1.4 billion investment programme in London Overground by Transport for London (TfL), which has recently seen the take-over of the North London line.

By 2011, the extended section will connect to the North London line, in time for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This will create the beginning of an orbital railway around the Capital, with London Overground services running from Stratford in

the east to Richmond in the west and West Croydon in the south.

It is hoped the orbital route will be completed with a link between Surrey Quays and Clapham Junction by 2012, depending on funding being secured.

MORE INFO

Download a leaflet containing details of rail replacement bus services from: www.tfl.gov.uk/ellc

NEWS IN BRIEF



More commuter trains

TO ease the pressure on the capital's most crowded services, London Overground's has added 20 extra trains per week to the North London Line (NLL), and 40 to the Gospel Oak to Barking line.

The extra services and timetable changes come into effect from Sunday, 9 December.

It means that Monday to Saturday there will be three extra daily services in the early evening on the NLL, and trains will start half an hour earlier on Sundays.

On the Gospel Oak to Barking line there will be extra Saturday trains, plus later evening and increased Sunday services.

For more details see: www.tfl.gov.uk

Ride on time

PUNCTUALITY on the borough's 48 daytime bus routes, 23 nighttime services, and two principal railway services is steadily getting better.

The latest figures showed almost 88 per cent of trains running and arriving within five minutes of scheduled time, nearly three per cent up on two years ago.

The target by 2014 for the new London Overground service is 94 per cent. Trains through Hackney Downs showed the best improvements across the whole 'one' network, with over 91 per cent running on time.

This has contributed to the big increase of passengers using stations such as London Fields.



Be safe ... be seen

By **Gracia Douglas**

A CAMPAIGN to make youngsters more aware of road safety during the winter is going from strength to strength.

More and more primary schools are participating in the Be Safe Be Seen initiative, working with officers from the Council's Road Safety Team.

Each school gets information on the importance of being visible on journeys to and from school once the clocks go back in October.

They also distribute tote bags to pupils in the eastern part of the borough, where analysis has shown a higher proportion of youngsters are involved in road accidents after dark. Each bag contains Be Safe Be Seen



reflective strips, stickers and leaflets.

Pupils at participating schools can also enter a road safety awareness competition. Classes with the highest uptake will be offered special visits to Hackney Police Station and

Shoreditch Fire Station, where further safety issues are demonstrated and discussed. The competition runs until the end of the campaign in Spring 2008. Look out for further updates in forthcoming issues of Hackney Today.

Choose and Move

A PRIVATE RENTED SCHEME FOR OVER-CROWDED TENANTS

- Are you a Hackney Home or Housing Association tenant registered on the Council's waiting/transfer list and resident in Hackney?
- Have you been assessed by the Council as overcrowded and lacking at least two bedrooms?
- Are you currently placed in the priority band?
- Would you be interested in moving into a property suitable for your families needs in the private rented sector?

If you have answered yes to all the above questions, then this is the scheme for you.

What's in it for you?

- Payment of up to £6000
- A dedicated officer to help you find a suitable property and assist you every step of the way
- A list of private landlords in all areas

WE HAVE LIMITED FUNDS FOR THIS SCHEME AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

**For further information please contact the Mobility team on:
Tel: 020 8356 5823 or 020 8356 2978**



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Recipes straight from the ovens at Hoxton Apprentice

www.hoxtonapprentice.com



THIS is the third of regular recipes courtesy of the Hoxton Apprentice restaurant. Each issue will feature a favourite chosen by an apprentice, then prepared and presented by Head Chef, Torren Lewis.

This week it's a delicious dessert, picked by the Hoxton Apprentice of the Year, Suleyman (pictured above). He is now employed at Raymond Blanc's Diamond Suite in the Emirates Stadium.

Chocolate ginger bread cake

Serves 6-8

Preparation time
less than 30 mins



Cooking time
45 mins



Ingredients

- 175g unsalted butter
- 125g dark soft brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar
- 200g golden syrup
- 200g black treacle
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 ½ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tablespoons warm water
- 2 eggs
- 250ml milk
- 275g plain flour
- 40g cocoa
- 175g chocolate chips

Method

- Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 3/170 c, completely line the sides and bottom of a roasting tin approximately 30 x 20 x 5 cm deep.
- In a medium saucepan melt the butter, golden syrup, treacle, cinnamon and ginger.
- In a cup dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the water.
- Take the pan off the heat and beat in the eggs, milk and bicarbonate of soda in its water.
- Stir in the flour and cocoa and beat with a wooden spoon to mix.
- Fold in the chocolate chips, pour into the lined tin and bake for about 45 minutes until risen and firm.
- It will be slightly damp underneath the set top and that's the way you want it to be.

The Hoxton Apprentice is a social enterprise set up to train unemployed Hackney people – both in the kitchen and front of house.

Six month apprenticeships prepare people for the workplace and give the chance to gain an NVQ in hospitality.

Profits are returned to Training For Life, the charity which operates the restaurant, to deliver more training for unemployed people.

If you would like to offer an apprentice a job, or become an apprentice, call Patrick Lyster-Todd on: 020 7749 2805.

For more info, visit:

www.hoxtonapprentice.com

HOXTON
apprentice

Piece of your mind



THE best thing about living in Hackney is that we have plans in progress for area regeneration such as the vast Woodberry Down Estate and the Olympics to look forward to.

But along with this is the desire of the Council and residents to preserve the best of what we have. The restaurants and shopping reflects the diversity of

our borough and I heard a tourist say 'Hackney is what city living should be'. And you can still encounter a village atmosphere if you take the time to look. Of course people have concerns about traffic and crime, but these can be solved if the Council and the people endeavour to work together.

I am always proud to say 'I live in Hackney'. I hope others are too.

Hackney and now it's even better.
Terence Wood
Woodberry Down, N4

MORE INFO

Send your letters to **The Editor, Hackney Today**, 2 Hillman St, E8 1FB, or e-mail: htnews@hackney.gov.uk

Older and wiser

By Gabriel Harriss
OLDER residents are being encouraged to make their views known on how the Council can improve services for them. We want your input on a draft Commissioning Strategy for Social Care Services for Older People to make sure it meets your needs. It's our outline of how the Council can provide opportunities, advice, support and services to improve older residents' health, well being and quality of life. We are also keen to hear from carers and professionals involved in looking after older people.

Make your views known at a consultation event for the Older People's Reference Group on 11 December, from 10am-1pm, at the Trinity Centre, Beechwood Road, E8. To view the draft document visit: www.consultationfinder.com/hackney and search for 'Older People Strategy'. Alternatively, contact Eve Oldham on: 020 8356 4089, or e-mail: eve.oldham@chpct.nhs.uk

Under control

Dog owners will have to clear up their beloved pet's mess or face a fine of up to £1,000. Tough new measures to combat

nuisance dog fouling come into force in Hackney on 3 January. Recent consultations showed residents strongly supported the legislation, which requires dog owners to clear up after their dogs and dispose of the faeces appropriately. Failure to do so could see owners brought before magistrates. Copies of the Dog Fouling Control Order can be found at borough, or to request a copy call Eucharua Mbonu on: 020 8356 4501. Full details can be viewed at: www.hackney.gov.uk/dogfouling.htm

Sudoku

For solutions see:
www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday

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Hackney is a fast improving Council, serving one of the UK's most diverse populations. Regeneration is improving housing, public services and transport links. Crime is falling. Exam results are up. The Olympics are coming ...



Job vacancies

Children and Young People's Services

Consultant Social Workers

£40,722–43,275 PA INC

Please quote relevant reference below

Closing date: 31 December 07

This post offers the chance to lead the social work unit to ensure we continue to keep children safe, reduce the number of looked after children, and provide intensive and therapeutic support for families with children on the edge of care. We need qualified, skilled and energetic people to fill the posts available in the following departments:

Children in Need:

CYP/CIN/CSW/7E

Access & Assessment:

CYP/AA/CSW/7E

Looked After Children:

CYP/LAC/CSW/7E

Rapid Response Team:

CYP/RR/CSW/7E

Disabled Children's Service:

CYP/DCS/CSW/7E

Leaving Care Services:

CYP/LC/CSW/6E

For an informal chat contact

Clare Chamberlain on:

07974 739177.



WHY HACKNEY?

With nearly 30 per cent of the Olympic Park in the borough, Hackney will play host to the 2012 Olympic Games

Group Manager

£48,585–51,345 PA INC

Ref: CYP/CSC/GM/16E

Closing date: 31 December 07

We are developing a new approach to social care involving small networks of professionals who will work together under the leadership of a Consultant Social Worker. These units will be managed by Group Managers. We need qualified people with strong leadership and management skills to fill these posts.

For more information contact Clare Chamberlain on: 07974 739177.

WHY HACKNEY?

Hackney has a fast improving, high profile Council serving one of the UK's most diverse populations



Customer and Corporate Services

Equality & Diversity Policy Officer (Community Cohesion)

£36,474–39,030

Ref: CCS140/50531/HW

Closing date: 18 December 07

Equality & Diversity Policy Officer (Service Delivery)

£36,474–39,030

Ref: CCS141/50532/HW

Closing date: 18 December 07

Equality & Diversity Policy Officer (Employment Practice)

£36,474–39,030

Ref: CCS142/50533/HW

Closing date: 18 December 07

WHY HACKNEY?

Massive regeneration projects are improving housing quality, public services and transport links

WHY HACKNEY?

Crime is falling faster than elsewhere in London

Each of these roles will see you lead a diverse range of projects involving the preparation of plans, briefs and policies to improve equality outcomes for Hackney residents and staff. You will advise on and develop corporate strategies inside and outside the Council, and monitor and review programmes to ensure they reflect our core values. For all roles you will need experience of working in an equalities and diversity environment, and an understanding of the current issues in the field.

For more information contact Rosalind Hardie Ejiohuo on: 020 8356 3402.

Community Services

Recruitment and Retention Manager

£36,474–39,030

Ref: COS236/50505/HW

Closing date: 2 January 08

You will design and coordinate campaigns to increase the volume and performance of candidates, and apply innovative strategies to address recruitment and retention challenges. You should have strong managerial skills and recruitment consultancy knowledge. You must be educated to degree level and hold or be working towards CIPD.

WHY HACKNEY?

Education results get better every year



MORE INFO

Use the relevant reference number when visiting: www.hackney.gov.uk/jobs

Job Profile

Rosalind Hardie Ejiohuo

Head of Equalities and Diversity talks to Hackney Today about the Community Cohesion role.



What are the main responsibilities of the post?

Hackney's diversity is one of its strengths and most of the time our communities get on well together.

The main responsibilities of the role are to support the Council to make the most of the benefits delivered by increasing diversity – and also to consider how they can respond to the tensions it can sometimes cause.

The job includes developing

practical approaches to building communities' own capacity to prevent and manage tensions.

What skills does the post require?

The job will be a mix of working with communities and developing strategies with partners. It is important that the post holder has good communication and research skills, with experience of developing policies and

practical solutions.

This experience does not have to come from working in local government – it might have come from working with a local voluntary group or faith community for example. Enthusiasm, commitment and ability to demonstrate the skills to do the job are more important than formal qualifications. Understanding Hackney, our diverse communities and issues they face are essential.



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The Mayor & Councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years. The last borough elections were in May 2006.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee the Council and its services. They all hold advice surgeries where you can meet your local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern.

Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, they can often point you in the right direction and tell you who you need to see.

Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – illustrated in the map opposite.

Please note: some councillors do not hold surgeries during the school summer holidays.

To check which councillor covers your area, or confirm surgery times, call: 020 8356 3373
More info: www.hackney.gov.uk/l-mayor-cabinet-councillors.htm

ADVICE SURGERY ON CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Cllr Nkafu, 5-6pm, 1st Monday each month, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.
To book an appointment call: 020 8356 3211

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order

1. Brownswood
2. Cazenove
3. Chatham
4. Clissold
5. Dalston
6. De Beauvoir
7. Hackney Central
8. Hackney Downs
9. Haggerston
10. Hoxton
11. Kings Park
12. Leabridge
13. Lordship
14. New River
15. Queensbridge
16. Springfield
17. Stoke Newington Central
18. Victoria
19. Wick



The Mayor



Jules Pipe

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough.

The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services.

Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of the Council who is elected annually from the borough's 57 councillors. Cllr Faizullah Khan is the current Speaker.

1. BROWNSWOOD



Cllr Darren Parker
1st Friday each month, 9-10am, Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Rd, Woodberry Down Estate, N4.
Cllr Feryat Demirci
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12.30pm, Arnwell Court Community Hall, Green Lanes, N4.
Cllr Brian Bell
No surgery. To book an appointment with Cllr Bell, call Members' Services on: 020 8356 3373.



2. CAZENOVE



Cllrs Joseph Stauber & Ian Sharer
Each Thursday, 10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Rd, N16.
Cllr Dawood Akhoun
1st & 3rd Saturday each month, 10am-12.30pm, NLMCC, 68 Cazenove Rd, N16.
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 10am-12.30pm, Stamford Hill Community Hall, N16.
Cllr Akhoun can visit housebound constituents. To book an appointment, call 020 8806 1147 on Saturday, 10am-12.30pm.



3. CHATHAM



Cllrs Luke Akhehurst, Sally Mulready & Guy Nicholson (on a rota basis)
2nd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Jack Dunning Community Hall, Homerton Row, E9.
Last Friday each month, 7-8pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.



4. CLISSOLD



Cllr Linda Smith
1st Wednesday each month, 10-11am, Hewskley Court Community Hall, N16.
Cllr Karen Alcock
2nd Friday each month, 6-7pm, Milton Gardens Community Hall, Milton Gardens Estate (disabled access).
3rd Monday each month, 5-6pm, Burma Court Community Hall, Burma Rd, N16. (Cllrs Alcock & Smith on a rota basis).
Cllr Mischa Boris
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Frank Haley Community Room, Burma Court Estate, Burma Rd, N16.



5. DALSTON



Cllrs Sophie Linden, Nargis Khan & Angus Mulready-Jones (on a rota basis)
1st Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Evelyn Court, Amhurst Rd, E8.
2nd Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Community Hall, Millard Close, Shellgrove Estate, N16.
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, CLR James Library, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8.



6. DE BEAUVOIR



Cllrs Robert Chapman, Gulay Icoz & Christopher McShane
2nd Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Coleville Community Hall, 35 Branch St, N1.
3rd Saturday each month, walkabout surgery in the afternoon.



You can e-mail these councillors at: debeauvoir@hackney-labour.org.uk
Alternatively, call Members' Services on: 020 8356 3373.

7. HACKNEY CENTRAL



Cllrs Samantha Lloyd, Alan Laing & Vincent Stops (on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 10am-11am, Pembury Senior Citizens Club, Hindrey Rd, E8.
2nd Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Wilton Community Hall, Greenwood Rd, E8.
4th Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Mountford Community Hall, Cecilia Rd, E8.



Cllr Laing is also available at the Town Hall. To book an appointment call: 020 8356 3373.

8. HACKNEY DOWNS



Cllr Faizullah Khan
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Gooch House, Kenninghall Rd, E5.
Cllr Michael Desmond
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Nightingale Estate Office, 7 Olympus Sq, E5.
Cllr Desmond is also available at the Town Hall, call: 020 8356 3373.
Cllr Sem Moema
2nd Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Nightingale Estate Office, 7 Olympus Sq, E5.
Last Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Stelmman Close, E5.



9. HAGGERSTON



Cllrs Afolasade Bright, Barry Buitekant & Jonathan McShane (on a rota basis)
1st Monday each month, 7-8pm, Shoreditch Town Hall, EC1.
1st Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Haggerston Community Centre, Haggerston Rd, E8.
2nd Thursday each month, 7-8pm, Fellows Court Community Hall, Weymouth Terrace, E2.
3rd Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Goldsmith's Community Hall, Goldsmith's Sq, E2.
4th Thursday each month, 11am-12noon, VLC Centre, Whiston Rd, E2.



10. HOXTON



Cllr Claydon McKenzie
2nd Tuesday each month, 6-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, Pitfield St, N1.
Cllr Carole Williams
2nd Monday each month, 5.30-6.30pm, 16a Malcolm House, Arden Estate, N1.
Cllr Philip Glanville
3rd Wednesday each month, 6-7pm, 16a Malcolm House, Arden Estate, N1.
3rd Saturday of every month, 11am-12noon, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1.
Cllr Glanville can also be contacted on: 07967 116537.



11. KINGS PARK



Cllr Sharon Patrick
1st Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Community Flat, 5 Oswald's Mead, Sherry's Wharf, E9 (Not Dec).
Can visit disabled or housebound constituents, to book an appointment call: 020 8356 3373.
Cllr Saleem Siddiqui
1st & 3rd Friday each month, 7-8pm, Vi Forrester Hall (behind the housing office), Gilpin Rd, E5.
Cllr Julius Nkafu
3rd Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Kingsmead Tenants Hall, Templemead House, Homerton Rd, E9.



12. LEABRIDGE



Cllrs Linda Kelly, Deniz Oguzkanli & Ian Rathbone
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Tenants Association Hall, Beechome Estate, Prout Rd, E5.
2nd Saturday each month 1-2pm, Wayside Community Centre, 24 Chatsworth Rd, E5.
4th Saturday each month, 1-2pm, Community Hall, Mount Estate, Mount Pleasant Lane, E5.
4th Saturday each month 2-3pm, Community Flat, 10 Detmold Rd, Jack Watts Estate, E5.



13. LORDSHIP



Cllrs Bernard Aussenberg, Simon Tesler & Mathew Coggins (on a rota basis)
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, Peter Collins Memorial Hall, Holmeigh Rd Estate, N16.
2-3pm, Stoke Newington Library, Church Street, N16.



Cllr Coggins can be contacted on: 07794 419301

14. NEW RIVER



Cllrs Maureen Middleton
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, TA Flat, 1 Wyersdale House, Woodberry Down Estate, N4.
4th Sunday each month, 11.30-12.30pm, Ben Simons Community Hall, 1-66 Lincoln Court, Bethune Rd, N16. Cllr Middleton can also be contacted on: 07930 575 912.
Harvey Odze
No surgery. Email: harvey.odze@hackney.gov.uk, or call, Mon-Thur only: 07790 902 513
Simche Steinberger
2nd Monday each month, 4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Ave, N16.



15. QUEENSBRIDGE



Cllrs Thomas Price, Emma Plouviez & Patrick Vernon (on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 10-11am, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly St, E8.
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday each month, 10-11am, Pensioners Hall, Brougham Rd, Regents Estate, E8.



You can e-mail these councillors direct. Alternatively, call Members' Services on: 020 8356 3373.

16. SPRINGFIELD



Cllrs Jacob Landau & Shuja Shaikh (on a rota basis)
1st and 3rd Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm at Webb Estate Community Hall, Clapton Common, E5.



17. STOKE NEWINGTON CENTRAL



Cllrs Rita Krishna, Jamie Carswell & Muttalip Unluer (on a rota basis)
1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, 10-11am, Yorkshire Grove Estate Community Hall, Gunster Rd, N16 (except Bank Holiday weekends).



18. VICTORIA



Cllr Daniel Kemp
1st Saturday each month, 10.30-11.30am, Pitcairn Hall (entrance in Mare St), Pitcairn House, Frampton Park Estate, E9 (disabled access).
Cllr Katie Hanson
2nd Wednesday each month, 7-8pm, New Kingsfold Community Centre, Primrose Sq, E9 (disabled access).
Cllr Geoff Taylor
3rd Wednesday each month, 11am-12pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare St, E8 (disabled access).



19. WICK



Cllrs Jessica Webb, Christine Boyd & Christopher Kennedy (on a rota basis)
1st Sunday each month, 12noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Lavington Close, Trowbridge Estate, E9.
3rd Sunday each month, 12noon-1pm, Granard House, Gascoyne Estate, E9.





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LICENSING

We **GORDON D SILVA TRUSTEE** of the **HOXTON APPRENTICE** have applied to Hackney Council to vary the premises licence at: **16 HOXTON SQUARE HOXTON RESTAURANT AND BAR N1 6NT** in order to make the following variation to the licence: Entertainment including jazz, opera nights and other musical events, comedy and piano playing.

Hackney Councils licensing register is kept at the office of the Licensing Service Dorothy Hodgkin House 12 Reading Lane London E8 1HJ where details of the applications may be inspected. The office hours are Mon – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Any representations against the application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address by no later than the 24 December

07. Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises or bodies representing such residents or businesses may make representations. The grounds on which the representations may be made are restricted to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Representations cannot be made after the provisional statement has been issued. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

DATED: 03/12/2007

I **MR E UZUM** have applied to Hackney Council to vary the premises licence at: **SNOOKER LOVERS CLUB 15 STOKES NEWINGTON ROAD LONDON N16 8BH** in order to make the following variation to the licence:

To add late night refreshment:

Monday – Wednesday and Sunday 23.00 – 00.00,
Thursday 23.00 – 02.00, Friday and Saturday 23.00 – 02.30.
Sale/Supply of alcohol:
Monday-Wednesday 10.00 – 00.00, Thursday 10.00 – 02.00,
Friday and Saturday 10.00-02.30, Sunday 12.00-00.00.

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DATED: 03/12/2007



TRAFFIC

THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 36) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to:

- introduce parking bays into sections of Paragon Road
- reduce existing parking bays in sections of Paragon Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures. Further information may be obtained by contacting Streetscene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. *) ORDER 200*

TRO 284 – TRO 307

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to insert disabled parking bays into sections of the following roads: Adley Road, Ashmead House, Balance Road, Daubeney Road, Dornie Place, Elderfield Road, Evening Road, Glyn Road, Harrowgate Road, Ickburgh Road, Leadale Road, Lockhurst Street, Mayola Road, Morpeth Road, Osbaldeston Road, Portland Avenue, Reighton Road, Rushmore Road, St Andrews Grove, Sharon Gardens and Tryon Crescent.

3. Copies of the Order, and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made or the Council decides not to make the Order, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Further information may be obtained by contacting Parking on 020 8356 8463.

4. Any objections or other representations about the proposed Order should be sent in writing to the Directorate of Public Realm at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce "school keep clear" markings operating between 8am to 9.30am and between 3pm to 4.30pm on Mondays to Fridays during school term time into a section of Albion Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at

www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Streetscene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT NO. 21) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985(b), the Road Traffic Act 1991(c)

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce a 20mph zone into the entire length of Paragon Road

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Street Scene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (PRESCRIBED ROUTE) (CONTRA FLOW CYCLE LANE) (AMENDMENT) (NO.1) TRAFFIC ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce a contra flow cycle lane on the northern side of Paragon Road from its junction with Vallette Street to its junction with Chalgrove Road (Trelawney Estate Entrance). Operating at all times.

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Street Scene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (PRESCRIBED ROUTES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO*) ORDER 200* TRO 283

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local

Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to introduce a permanent road closure in Southgate Grove/Southgate Road junction to all vehicles except pedal cycles

3. Copies of the Order, and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made or the Council decides not to make the Order, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.traffic.management.gov.uk. Further information may be obtained by contacting Traffic and Transportation on 020 8356 8990.

4. Any objections or other representations about either of the proposed Order should be sent in writing to the Public Realm Directorate at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT NO. 22) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into sections of the following roads: Barnabas Road, Brooke Road, Detmold Road, Ickburgh Road, Jenner Road, Maury Road, Norcott Road, Rendlesham Road and St Kilda's Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.traffic.management.gov.uk. Further information may be obtained by contacting Traffic and Transportation on 020 8356 8986.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt, Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY THE HACKNEY (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT NO. 23) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into sections of the following roads: Chatham Place, Mare Street, Trelawney Estate and Vallette Street.

3. Copies of the Order, which comes into force on 5th December 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line at www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures. Further information may be obtained by contacting Streetscene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

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PLANNING

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS

The Applications can be inspected between 9am and 5pm at 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT. They can also be viewed on the following website:

www.hackney.gov.uk/planning. Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, 263 Mare Street E8 3HT All representations will be acknowledged in writing.

Sue Foster Assistant Director Regeneration and Planning

EC1

OLD TOWN HALL 380 OLD STREET LONDON EC1V 9LT

Installation of an internally illuminated 1.8m high totem sign and an internally illuminated single-sided board sign. 2007/2903 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

EC2

THE STONED PONY 104 - 108 CURTAIN ROAD LONDON EC2A 3AH

Alteration to ground floor façade including relocation of entrance and new canvas awnings in connection with external seating area. 2007/2822 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

73 RIVINGTON STREET LONDON EC2A 3BE Erection of 4 storey building with flexible B1, A1 and /or A2 use at basement and ground floor level and B1 at the upper floors. 2007/2815 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E5

TELEPHONE KIOSK OUTSIDE 201 LOWER CLAPTON ROAD

LONDON E5 8EG Converting an existing telephone kiosk into a combined automatic teller machine and telephone kiosk. 2007/2818 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

CLAPTON GIRLS TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE LAURA PLACE

LONDON E5 0RB Demolition of existing building in north-west of site and construction of new two-storey replacement;

construction of two-storey infill structure between two existing buildings to accommodate new dining space; construction of single-storey extension to existing building in east of site; refurbishment of all other buildings on-site; associated parking, landscaping and servicing provision, and erection of temporary school accommodation for duration of building works. 2007/2944 Major Development

85A UPPER CLAPTON ROAD - LONDON - E5 9BU

Demolition of existing churches and outbuildings and the erection of 3, 4 & 5 storey buildings to facilitate a new church & associated community facilities and 28 residential units (8 x one bed, 8 x two bed, 9 x three bed and 3 x four bed). 2007/2434 Major Development

E8

23 DERICOTE STREET, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG

Retain existing roof covering and proposed new front entrance door. 2007/1318 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

69 MAPLEDENE ROAD, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 3JW

Listed Building Consent for the installation of three velux windows on the roof slope. 2007/2424 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

41 BROADWAY MARKET LONDON E8 4PH

Mansard style roof addition with front and rear dormers to extend existing studio to a 2-bedroom flat and the erection of rear extensions, and change of use of existing restaurant (Class A3) to class A3/A4 (restaurant/bar) with opening hours 7:00 to 23:30 Monday to Thursday and Sunday and 07:00 to 03:30 Friday and Saturdays. 2007/2488 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

27A DALSTON LANE LONDON E8 3DS

Variation of Condition 5 (hours of use) attached to planning permission TP/83179/D/MM/MH to allow extended opening hours of the restaurant to 1200 - 0100 hours the next day on Monday - Thursday, 1200 - 0230 hours the next day on Friday - Saturday and 1600 - 0100 hours the next day on Sundays. 2007/2529 Major Development

1 ROYAL OAK 83 WILTON WAY & 2 ROYAL OAK ROAD LONDON

E8 1BG Demolition of 2 Royal Oak Road and the partial demolition of "Royal Oak", 83 Wilton Way to provide one 3 x bedroom townhouse and 4 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 2 bedroom flats with accompanying balconies and external alterations (Full Planning Application). 2007/2568 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

1 ROYAL OAK 83 WILTON WAY & 2 ROYAL OAK ROAD LONDON

E8 1BG Demolition of 2 Royal Oak Road and the partial demolition of "Royal Oak", 83 Wilton Way to provide one 3 x bedroom townhouse and 4 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 2 bedroom flats with accompanying balconies and external alterations. (Conservation Area Consent application). 2007/2570 Conservation Area Consent

CONRAD HOUSE 6 CLIFTON GROVE LONDON E8 1DG

Erection of a swing-arm traffic barrier at the entrance to Conrad house car park. 2007/2688 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

440 KINGSLAND ROAD - LONDON - E8 4AA

Retention of use of premises as Arts and Cultural Centre plus private function rooms (Class D2) with ancillary bar (operating hours between 09:00 hours to 04:00 Sunday to Thursday, 09:00 hours to 06:00 Friday and Saturday. 2007/2718 Major Development

36 AMHURST ROAD LONDON E8 1JN

Proposed conversion of existing maisonette on upper floors to create 3 x 1-bed flats together with the erection of a first floor rear extension and a mansard roof extension to provide an additional floor. 2007/2722 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

15 PARKHOLME ROAD LONDON E8 3AG

Alterations including the erection of a single-storey flat roofed ground floor rear extension; enlarging rear lightwell; changing windows to the rear into a French door and new boundary wall. 2007/2852 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

3 NAVARINO GROVE LONDON E8 1AJ

Alterations including the erection of a ground floor rear extension; raising of the roof of the rear addition to create a Mono-pitched roof; reinstatement of timber framed sash windows to the front elevation and re-cladding of existing roof tiles with slate tiles. 2007/2875 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

364 MARE STREET LONDON E8 1HR

Creation of high level windows to the rear at ground floor and first floor level. 2007/2910 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

79 WILTON WAY LONDON E8 1BG

Erection of a 3 storey building to provide one 3 bedroom flat and one 1 bedroom flat. 2007/2780 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

130 KINGSLAND HIGH STREET LONDON E8 2NS

Installation of a new shopfront, an automatic teller machine, erection of ramped access, extension (in-filling) and security bollards. 2007/2783 Major Development

15 APPELBY ROAD, LONDON, E8 3ET

Alterations including the raising of the roof of the rear addition and renewing roof covering and enlarging side window at first floor level. 2007/2841 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area.

UNIT C 4-6 RAM PLACE LONDON E9 6LT

Demolition of existing building to facilitate redevelopment of site involving erection of a four-storey and basement building to provide a new church and community centre over basement and ground floors and nine residential units (6 x two-bedroom flats and 3 x three-bedroom flats), with provision of cycle parking and refuse storage facilities. 2007/2164 Major Development

HACKNEY FREE & PAROCHIAL COE SCHOOL PARAGON ROAD - HACKNEY - LONDON - E9 6NR

Erection of new three-storey secondary school (including sports hall and multi-use games areas) to replace existing school, and erection of two three-storey residential buildings over staff car-parking spaces at west of site, to contain 16 flats. 2007/2937 Major Development

21-23 SEDGWICK STREET LONDON E9 6AA

Use of premises as an entertainment venue with live music and theatre productions and cinema; and as a music and film studio and a centre for computers and music tuition together with the sale of food and alcohol with opening hours of 9am to 3am Sunday to Wednesday and 9am to 6am Thursday to Saturday. 2007/2751 Major Development

9 HASSETT ROAD LONDON E9 5SJ

Two-storey rear extension to single storey outbuilding and first floor front wing extension to main building together with alterations to fenestration, installation of new ground floor access doors and installation of additional rooflights in association with conversion to 6 self-contained dwellings. 2007/2778 Listed Building Consent (DNA)

124 HOXTON STREET LONDON N1 6SH

Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey extension to provide 2 x 2 bed flats. 2007/1950 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

87 - 95 HERTFORD ROAD & 80 A MORTIMER ROAD - LONDON

- N1 5AG Part demolition and part conversion of existing buildings to provide 6 houses (two x 4 bed and four x 5 bed) and 6 studio B1 units (1150sq meters), 328 sq. meters of B8 storage and the erection of 3 detached houses (5 bed). 2007/2137 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

87 - 95 HERTFORD ROAD & 80 A MORTIMER ROAD - LONDON

- N1 5AG Conservation area consent for the partial demolition of the building. 2007/2138 Conservation Area Consent

112 MYDDLETON AVENUE LONDON N4 2FH

Alterations including the conversion of an integral garage into a study/reception room. 2007/2674 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N16

70-74 STOKE NEWINGTON ROAD, N16 7XB

Removal of Condition 4 (hours of operation) attached to planning Permission ref: 2001/0469 to allow 24 hour opening of the ground floor grocery shop on all days. 2007/0544 Major Development

STOKE NEWINGTON SCHOOL CLISSOLD ROAD - LONDON - N16 9EY

Construction of new two-storey entrance building and one-storey infill to accommodate new dining hall; construction of one-storey vertical extension of linking corridor; refurbishment of all buildings; associated parking, landscaping and servicing provision, and erection of temporary school accommodation for duration of building works. 2007/2939 Major Development

188 STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH STREET LONDON N16 7JD

LOFT conversion to create an additional self-contained 1-bed flat, with increase in roof height, installation of 2 front and 2 rear roof lights and removal of chimney. 2007/2574 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

147 STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH STREET LONDON N16 0NY

Removal condition 6 of planning permission 2002/0110 dated 21st March 2003 to allow the flat roof at first floor level to be used as a roof terrace. 2007/2762 Conservation Area Consent

21A MAURY ROAD LONDON N16 7BP

Change of use of rear portion of the site from vacant storage building (use class B8) to create a 3-bed residential dwelling with ancillary recording studio (sui generis). 2007/2329 Major Development

188 STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH STREET LONDON N16 7JD

Erection of first and second floor front extension in association with conversion of upper floors to create four self-contained one-bed flats. 2007/2373 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

15 STOKE NEWINGTON ROAD, LONDON N16

Variation of condition 3 (hours of use) to allow extended opening hours to Sunday to Wednesday 1100 - 0000 hours, Thursday 1100 - 0200 hours the next day, Friday to Saturday 1100 - 0230 hours the next day; and removal of Condition 5 (no live or amplified music shall be played in the restaurant at ground floor level). 2007/2833 Major Development

PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK OUTSIDE NO'S 114/116 STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH STREET LONDON N16 0PH

Converting an existing telephone kiosk into a combined automatic teller machine and telephone kiosk. 2007/2847 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

44 STOKE NEWINGTON ROAD, LONDON N16 7XJ

Change of use of vacant retail shop (use class A1) to taxi booking office (sui generis). 2007/2493 Major Development

AVIGDOR - SITE 65 - 67 LORDSHIP ROAD - LONDON - N16 0QY

Redevelopment of site with erection of new part 2, 3, 4 and 5 storey building comprising new school & nursery (47715sqm) (Use Class D1), 29 residential units (69% affordable units), associated, landscaping and parking. 2007/1173 Affect the Setting of a Conservation Area

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) SECTION 73 ACT 1990

Notice is hereby given that an application for appeal has been made to The Planning Inspectorate against the London Borough of Hackney's Non-determination of a Planning Application which affects a Listed Building.

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: 28 Powell Road, London E5 8DJ

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:

i) Demolition of existing buildings and ii) Erection of terrace of 7 x 4 bedroom houses with integral Garages and vehicle access from Powell Road.

Appeal No. APP/U5360/A/07/2056379/NWF

Council Application No: 2006/3153

Appeals Planning Officer: Kim Shaw

The proposed development affects the setting of the Clapton Pond Conservation Area and a Grade II Listed Building, being the Church of St James The Great, Lower Clapton Road. You can see the application, any plans or other documents submitted at The Planning Register, Planning Service, 263 Mare Street, London, E8 3HT on weekdays between 9am and 5pm. Any persons who wish to make comments on the application should do so in writing to: The Planning Inspectorate at 3/26 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk using reference No. 2056379/NWF by 07/01/2008. Please quote the above mentioned appeal reference numbers in all correspondence. You should send three copies of your letter. Your letter will be placed before the Inspector and a copy sent to both the Council and the Appellant. Any representations received after the deadline, will not normally be seen by the Inspector and they will be returned. If you wish for a copy of the Inspector's decision to be sent to you please specify in your letter.

Sue Foster, Assistant Director

Regeneration and Planning

Dated: 3rd December, 2007



MEETINGS

TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER

ASPLAND AND MARCON ESTATES

11 December

BLACKSTONE ESTATE

3 December

FELLOWS COURT

3 December

FOLLINGHAM ESTATE

5 December

GEFFRYE & HARMAN ESTATES

11 December

GOOCH HOUSE

5 December

HAGGERSTON ESTATE

12 December

HAWSKLEY COURT ESTATE

8 November

HERBERT BUTLER ESTATE

11 December

HOLMLEIGH RD & SANDFORD ESTATES

11 December

LOCKNER & KINGSGATE ESTATES

5 December

MILTON GARDENS

12 December

MORLAND & BLANCHARD ESTATES

8 December

PROVOST ESTATE

19 December

RADLEY SQUARE & SOUTHWOLD ESTATES

6 December

RHODES ESTATE

3 December

WELSHPOOL ESTATE

12 December

WHISTON & GOLDSMITH ESTATES

3 December

WILTON ESTATE

17 December

YORK ROW

12 December

TO CHECK TIMES AND VENUES, PLEASE CALL THE RESIDENT PARTICIPATION TEAM ON: 020 8356 7845.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

03 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am

03 Dec - Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission, 7pm

03 Dec - Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission, 7pm

03 Dec - Regeneration & Social Inclusion Commission, 7pm

04 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm

10 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am

11 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm

11 Dec - Cabinet Procurement Committee, 4.30pm

11 Dec - Planning Sub Committee, 6.30pm

12 Dec - Governance & Resources Scrutiny Committee, 7pm

12 Dec - Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission, 7pm

13 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 7pm

13 Dec - Overview & Scrutiny Commission, 7pm

17 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am

17 Dec - Cabinet, 6pm

18 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm

ALL MEETINGS AT HACKNEY TOWN HALL, MARE STREET, E8.

INFO: 020 8356 3316/3302/3441, OR

WWW.HACKNEY.GOV.UK

The Applications can be inspected between 8am and 6pm at Planning and Regeneration Reception, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT.

They can also be viewed on the following website: www.hackney.gov.uk/planning Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, Planning and Regeneration, Hackney Council, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT.

ALL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN WRITING.

DATE: 05 NOVEMBER 2007

SUE FOSTER, HEAD OF PLANNING



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